PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE PAID
OKLA CITY, OK
PERMIT NO. 823

Cheyenne & Arapaho
TRIBAL TRIBUNE

Volume 4, Issue 11 | March 1, 2009 | 50 cents

Watonga names casino business of the year

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Elegant tablecloths drape the tables throughout the room. Perched on top of the tables sit unique centerpieces depicting businesses in Watonga, Okla. Along the wall is a table the length of the room filled with an assortment of meats, vegetables and desserts from the End O'Main catering company.

This was the scene for the 84th annual Watonga Chamber of Commerce achievement award banquet held Tuesday Feb. 24, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Watonga, Okla. The theme for this year's banquet and the chamber's 2009 slogan is "I used to think that someone should do something, then I realized that I am someone" written by Mary Larson, Watonga Chamber of Commerce administrator director.

"Award winners are picked for their positive influence on the community of Watonga, and what kind of impact they have had on the community," Larson said. "Names are submitted and the chamber's Board of Directors vote to determine the winners."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal enterprise, Feather Warrior Casino was presented with the Business of the Year award by Watonga's chamber President Travis Bradt.

"The recipient of this award is not only a strong and viable business entity, it has continually helped Watonga with it's continuing economic growth and from the beginning this business has shown its strength and because of the personalities of the owners and the staff it has flourished and prospered showing that Watonga is a viable community for businesses on the move and this evening we, the Watonga Chamber of Commerce, gladly recognize the accomplishments of Feather Warrior Casino," Bradt said.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Employees of Feather Warrior Casino hold their award. From l-r: Larissa Brady, Lavonne Oldman, Debra All Runner, Jason Goodblanket, Rory Little Raven, Eva LeFlore, Ralph Blackbear, and Rita Price.

Accepting the award for Feather Warrior Casino was Rory Little Raven, assistant general manager.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the community of Watonga," Little Raven said. "Feather Warrior casino has always responded to any emergencies in Watonga and surrounding communities as well as participated in the annual Watonga Cheese Festival and other local activities."

Feather Warrior Casino first opened in April 2004 with 27 employees and since then has grown to approximately 82 employees.

"I have been there since the beginning and it's been great watching our casino grow over the years and provide more jobs for people," Eva LeFlore, Feather Warrior casino operations manager said.

LeFlore said the casino is planning the opening of their new deli, The Red Stone Cafe, in the next few weeks and the deli will open up more jobs for people. She invited everyone to come out and eat.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darrell Flyingman said, "It is with great pleasure to congratulate Rory Little Raven, (assistant) general manger of Feather Warrior Casino and his staff for doing an excellent job. Business of the Year does not come without hard work and responsibility … job well done."

The New Business of the Year award went to CV International presented by Watonga's chamber Vice-President Todd Lafferty, the Business Beautification award went to Oasis Church

See business, page 12

Teaching the home buying process

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Most veterans would like to own their own home, but do not know where to start.

That's why the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of Veteran Affairs sponsored the first Veteran's Housing Summit on Feb. 12, 2009 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla.

The summit was designed to give information and step-by-step instructions about the home buying process.

Guest speakers were Sheila Zebedeo from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from Houston, Texas, Aimee Dauphin, mortgage broker from Universal Mortgage Corporation in El Reno, Okla., realtor Donna Stirman from Crown Realty also from El Reno, Okla. and Reggie Wassana, housing director from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Representatives from the Choctaw tribe, Absentee Shawnee tribe, Citizen of Pottawatomie tribe and the Chickasaw tribe were in attendance.

"We were invited to come learn about veteran's housing. This area is new to us at Choctaw Nation, I mean we have a housing authority but we don't have anything like the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' have for their veterans," Brent Oakes said. "We are hoping to learn a lot to help our Choctaw veterans."

> ***" ... we don't have anything like the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' have for their veterans,"***
>
> **Brent Oakes, Choctaw tribe**

The summit opened with a prayer and song by Moses Starr and the bringing in of flags by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard.

"I want to welcome all of you to the first housing summit. Coming here we as vets have certain rights and privileges and we have the experts here to teach us what they are and to assist vets if they want to own their own homes," former Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Lt. Gov. Melvin Whitebird said.

There are two types of loans available to tribal veterans, the VA Guaranteed loan and the Native American Direct (NAD) loan program, according to the VA Web site. The NAD loan has less closing costs than other loans and is made directly through the VA.

"For eligibility for the NAD loan, the tribe has to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on file with the VA office, must be a tribal member or married to a tribal member (and the tribal member must reside in the home), must purchase or construct your home on Native American trust land or a mobile home affixed to a permanent foundation on trust land," Zebedeo, VA loan specialist said. "The NAD loan program loans requires no down payment, no private mortgage insurance, usually has lower interest rates than conventional mortgages and no prepayment penalties."

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Representatives from the Choctaw tribe, Brent Oakes and John Lance, show their respect for the flag at the tribes housing summit on Feb. 12, 2009.

Zebedeo said many veterans are Native American and in the past mortgage lenders were reluctant to make loans on trust lands because of certain title restrictions.

In 1992, the NAD loan program was created specifically to assist Native American veterans who wanted to obtain a home loan on trust land. In 2006 the VA committed over $5.7 million for NAD loans nationwide and now the VA is able to lend up to $417,000 or the appraised value (whichever is less).

For more information about the VA guaranteed loan program or the NAD loan program or to apply for either of these loans, call Zebedeo at (713) 383-1742, visit www.homeloans.va.gov or email Zebedeo at Sheila.zebedeo@va.gov.

Dorsett named Lt. Gov.

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

She says a poster on her office wall sums up her goals: Healthy individuals, healthy families, and healthy communities. The only thing Teresa Dorsett said she would add is a healthy tribe.

Dorsett, 42, was named lieutenant governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes on Feb. 20, 2009.

"It's a good feeling. I recognize the need and feel like I have what it takes to make things better," she said.

Dorsett was and for now is still the Department of Administration director for the tribes.

"Teresa is well qualified to fill the position of lieutenant governor; she is highly educated with the experience and knowledge to fill this position. She does not hesitate to make the right decisions; she has the courage and integrity to perform at the second highest level of our tribal government," Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darrell Flyingman said. "It is with great pleasure that I appoint her as my lieutenant governor for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes."

Dorsett earned her associates degree in general studies from Connors State College in Warner, Okla. in 1987. She attended Connors on a basketball scholarship.

She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from East Central University in Ada, Okla. in 1989, and she has two master's degrees in education from the University of Oklahoma. Her master's degree earned in 1995 focuses on adult and higher education, and her master's degree earned in 2002 has an emphasis in secondary education and administration.

"Education is very important and it definitely provides more opportunities throughout ones life and leads to more valuable experiences," Dorsett said. "That real life experience that education allowed me to get is invaluable."

Dorsett previously worked as the tribes' education director for seven years and she has also worked for the tribes Indian Child Welfare and substance abuse programs.

She said one passion of hers throughout life has been the mental health of the tribe. She said she would like to see more resources put towards assisting in those areas, such as depression, suicide and alcoholism.

Teresa Dorsett

"We as tribal leadership should address that," she said. "I don't think it's a secret we struggle with these things."

Dorsett has also worked with student support services at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in Albuquerque, N.M. Prior to working for the tribes again she worked with United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY). With UNITY she served as the project manager for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which helps to fight against childhood obesity. She was also able to speak before the Senate's Committee on Indian Affairs regarding mental health issues.

Now as the new lieutenant governor, Dorsett said she would like to see the tribal government work together and see more attention given to tribal members in communities. She would like to see more outreach and assess the community and tribal needs in order to put resources towards those needs.

"There are needs and challenges that need to be addressed as far as administration and communities," she said. "I

See Dorsett, page 5

Community listening meetings begin

The Office of the Governor and the executive office would like to invite all tribal members to follow up community meetings (listening meetings) to be held in each community during March and April to allow tribal members the opportunity to speak and ask questions in more depth and detail. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal being served. Below is a list of dates, times and locations for each community.

Communities	Date	Time	Place
Concho, El Reno, & Kingfisher	March 3, 2009	6 p.m.	Concho Community Building
Geary Community	March 5, 2009	6 p.m.	Geary Community Building
Seiling/Woodward	March 17, 2009	6 p.m.	Seiling Community Building
Clinton, Weatherford, Colony, & Thomas	March 24, 2009	6 p.m.	Frisco Convention Center, Clinton, Okla.
Elk City/Hammon	March 31, 2009	6 p.m.	Holiday Inn, Elk City, Okla.
Watonga Community	April 7, 2009	6 p.m.	Watonga Multi Purpose Bldg.
Canton/Longdale	April 14, 2009	6 p.m.	Native American Building, Canton, Okla.
Oklahoma City Area	April 21, 2009	6 p.m.	Clarion Hotel, Oklahoma City

Rhoads receives military headstone

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

Although the cool wind whips its way through the Clinton cemetery rattling flowers, flags and pinwheels, the 30-plus trophies assembled beside Arleigh Reginald Rhoads gravesite stand tall, firm and undisturbed.

"He was not a bench warmer. He was a pitcher," Rhoads daughter Alice Whitecloud said of her father's fast-pitch career and trophies. "He was well-known. He was an all-star nationally. That's what he loved to do."

Whitecloud along with a dozen family members and friends, including her brother Paul, and Rhoads' grandsons Toby, Isaac, and Gus, all gathered together on Feb. 20, 2009 as Rhoads' military headstone was being set.

"Mr. Rhoads is the tenth head stone to be set," Marvin Wilson of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of Veteran Affairs (OVA) said. "The (headstone) project was a brainchild of Mr. Ed Wilson. I have been working closely with enrollment; it is a joint effort between departments. It began in February 2008 with Mr. Elwood Reynolds who is buried in Concho."

Photo by Dana Attocknie

Toby Rhoads, Gus Rhoads, Alice Whitecloud, Paul Rhoads, and Isaac Rhoads pay repsect to their father/grandfather Arleigh Rhoads after his military headstone was set on Feb. 20, 2009 in Clinton, Okla.

The premise of the project is to have headstones placed on every tribal veterans grave that served his or her country honorably. Tribal members contact OVA for assistance in requesting a veterans' headstone, then OVA and the enrollment department have the headstone set at no cost to the family.

Rhoads received a tall, light gray, marble headstone that acknowledges his rank of corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and that he was awarded the Purple Heart. Although, its not listed, Rhoads daughter said he also served in Korea.

Rhoads was born on July 2, 1931 east of Clinton, Okla. and died on Nov. 16, 2006. He has four brothers, three sisters, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Whitecloud said her father played fast pitch for over 65 years and had over a thousand trophies. He retired at the age of

See Rhoads, page 9

Courtesy photo

Rhoads flag chosen

Submitted article

On Nov. 11, 2008, the Native American Marine Corp Veterans celebrated the 233rd birthday of the United States Marine Corp.

For this great event, the Native American Marine Corp veterans selected the flag of a full-blood Cheyenne tribal member to be flown that day.

This flag belongs to the late Arleigh Reginald Rhoads of Clinton, Okla.

Family member Alice Whitecloud comments that, "it was such an honor for our family to have this bestowed upon us. It was done purely in honor of our late leader.

He was a member of the Native American Marine Corp. Each year he would travel to this annual celebration.

When the president contacted us it was such an honorable time for us. We truly felt our fathers spirit with us on that day.

Twenty years ago, our family formed an organization to honor him. Our mother encouraged this. She told us to honor your father while he is with us. Do not wait until he is gone. So we did this with his approval.

He sanctioned all that we did and he wore his vest with pride, knowing that we honored him in this way, having formed the White Buffalo Calf Family Organization.

Together, we had been asked to be co-host for various benefit dances and powwows, special guests and honored senior citizen.

At these times, we as a family, would travel from all over the state to meet wherever we were asked to be and our father was always there as our leader. Though he is gone from this earth, we still honor him in this way.

His family emblem has been worn at many parades, powwows, and even at church gatherings throughout the state."

Shown in the picture are family members: left to right, Paul Rhoads, son, of Clinton; Toby Rhoads of Clinton; Sterling Whitecloud of Tulsa; grandsons, and White Buffalo Family Princess Mickie Rhoads, granddaughter, of El Reno.

The photo above was taken in the evening during the lowering of the flag.

Each family member proudly displayed the emblem designed and created for this great man who has gone on.

He is hailed from the Clinton area where he was born and raised, lived and died in that area. But his memory lives on through his family.

New barbershop in town

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

When walking into L's barbershop the eye is immediately drawn to the walls covered in sports memorabilia, the El Reno Indians, the University of Oklahoma Sooners, and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

"We wanted to show our support for El Reno's teams and both the Sooners and the Cowboys so I dedicated these walls to that theme," LaDonna Moore, owner said.

Walking further into the shop there are pictures hanging of world champion barrel racer, Kris Burden, a barber working in L's barbershop.

An Arapaho tribal member, Moore said she took a risk to become a business owner opening up her own barbershop in November 2008 in El Reno, Okla.

The thought of owning her own business has been a goal of Moore's since graduating from the Anthony Davis Hair Academy, but she never had the courage to pursue it, until now.

"When I decided to start my own business I was scared to death, but then everything started to fall into place. All the doors began to open and in my heart I knew it was meant to be … I wasn't afraid anymore," Moore said quietly. "Owning my own business makes me strive to work harder because it's my own … you know … I feel more relaxed."

Moore graduated from the hair academy located in Oklahoma City in 2000 and has worked in the Reflection Room and Swaims barbershop as well as other shops in El Reno.

Moore worked in different hair salons and traditional barbershops giving her a wide area of experience in the cutting of hair.

"I love being a barber and getting to know the people, hearing their stories and making friends with the customers," Moore said. "I want people to feel comfortable in the shop and feel like it's a place they can come to and just visit if they want."

Moore has two barbers working out of L's barbershop, Burden and Amanda Holdcraft.

"We support LaDonna in this business venture and we know she can make a go of it, so we're all in," Burden said.

When not barbering Moore spends her time taking care of her 8-year-old son, Seth.

"All my free time is pretty much devoted to Seth and making sure he has a good life," Moore said.

Moore is the daughter of the late Bruce Lumpmouth and the late Maybell Jones, both of El Reno, Okla. Moore said her mother played a big role in her life and gave her encouragement to follow her dreams.

"My mom recently passed away and I wish I would have told her that she made me a stronger person and not be afraid," Moore said. "She played a big part in giving me the strength and courage to pursue owning my own business."

L's barbershop is located at 320 South Choctaw (two blocks from Sid's Diner) in El Reno and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Moore said they welcome walk-ins and anyone who would like to just stop by and say hello.

L's Barber Shop
320 S. Choctaw • El Reno • (405) 295-1526
Walk Ins Welcome
Amanda Holdcraft
Kris Burden
LaDonna Moore
SOONERS
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

Arapaho District 4

Official election results

Casper Avans 100 percent
Voter participation 57.14 percent

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Election Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true abstract of the votes cast for the Arapaho District 4 Legislator Special General Election held Feb. 18, 2009.

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
POST OFFICE BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA FILED IN THE TRIAL COURT FEB 17 2009 DOCKET ____ PAGE ____ FILM ____ IMAGE ____ COURT CLERK ____ DEPUTY

LOCAL LOAN CO., Plaintiff
vs.
GEORGIA MELTON, a/k/a GEORGIA FUSTON, Defendant

Case No: CIV-2000-0025

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: GEORGIA MELTON a/k/a GEORGIA FUSTON

TAKE NOTICE, Local Loan, Co., by and through, Fern Zajic, 101 S. Rock Island, El Reno, Oklahoma, 73036 has filed judgment that was issued by Judge John L. Wolking of the Canadian County District Court in the amount of $153.32 with 8.87% per annum interest from December 27, 1999 plus accrued costs in the sum of $94.42 and all costs hereafter accruing, for all of which let execution and said garnishment issue, and you have until the 8th day of April, 2009, to answer said Petition; You may appear at the Final Hearing set on the **9TH** day of **APRIL, 2009** at **9:00 A.M.**, at the Courthouse, 700 N. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma or the petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for the plaintiff granting a default judgment.

Issued this 17th day of February, 2009.

Bob A. Smith
Chief Judge Bob A. Smith
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

cc: Plaintiff
Defendant

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA FILED IN THE TRIAL COURT FEB 24 2009 DOCKET ____ PAGE ____ FILM ____ IMAGE ____ COURT CLERK ____ DEPUTY

RACHEL N. LYNN, Plaintiff
vs.
KEITH C. BOTONE, Defendant

Case No: CIV-2009-0016

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: KEITH C. BOTONE

You are hereby notified that Rachel N. Lynn has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody of J.L.B., a minor child, and that on February 17, 2009, the plaintiff, Rachel N. Lynn was granted temporary emergency custody of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **10TH** day of **MARCH**, 2009 at **9:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said custody should not be granted.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2009.

Patty Bell, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Rachel N. Lynn
P.O. Box 514
El Reno, OK 73036

Cheyenne and Arapaho
Tribal Tribune

Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor
(405) 422-7608 dattocknie@c-a-tribes.org

Rosemary Stephens, Graphic Artist/Reporter
(405) 422-7446 rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org

P. O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 Fax: (405) 262-6051

Oklahoma Press Association member
Native American Journalist Association member

Open, News Clerk/Reporter
(405) 422-7445 open@c-a-tribes.org

Open, Ad Sales/Reporter
(405) 422-7445 open@c-a-tribes.org

DISCLAIMER: Letters to the editor, opinions and commentaries do not reflect the views of the Tribune unless specified. Correspondence must be signed, and include a return address and telephone number for verification, othewise it will not be published. The Tribune reserves the right to edit letters, for clarity and length. Submission of a letter does not guaratee its publication. Photographs, news stories, or other materials in this publication may not be reprinted without written permission.

Tribal members may pick up copies at the following Oklahoma locations: Tribal complex, Smoke shop in Concho; Indian clinic, BIA office, Education building (Canadian Square), Chamber of Commerce, City Hall in El Reno; Indian clinic, Elder care, Housing building, Cheyenne Culture Center, Smoke shop in Clinton; Indian clinic, Food Distribution in Watonga; Canton Smoke shop, and Seiling/Fonda Community Center. / Papers are printed by Lindsay Webb Press.

Newspapers per copy - 50 cents; Annual subscription rate - $25; Enrolled C & A tribal members - FREE.

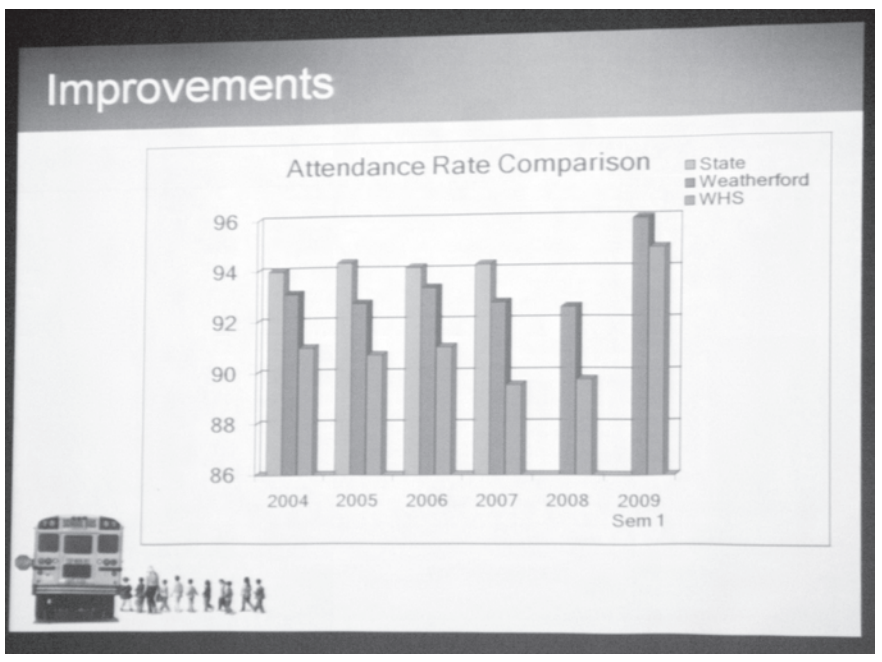
DEADLINES: *The Tribal Tribune is published on the 1st and 15th of each month. The deadline for the 1st issue is the 23rd of the previous month and the deadline for the 15th issue is the 8th of that month.*

Parent's night focuses on attendance

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

School attendance.

"Tonight's meeting is about the attendance policy in the Weatherford Public School District and concerns that parents have voiced about the policy. There seems to be some vague ideas and talk about the attendance policy so what better way to clear up any false information than through a parent's meeting," Mike McIlwee from the Oklahoma Education Association said. "Native American Parent's Night gives parents, both tribal and non-tribal the opportunity to get their voices heard through the public school system and to build a partnership because when it comes to our children it takes everyone working together, so that's really the purpose for these meetings and tonight we are focusing on the attendance policies for the students."



A PowerPoint presentation is presented to parents about attendance policies and attendance statistics within the Weatherford school system

Native American parent meetings is a joint effort between the Weatherford Public Schools, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) and the National Education Association (NEA) to bring together families of all ethnic backgrounds for the good of the students in the Weatherford school systems in what they refer to as "closing the gaps."

Presently there are a total of 1,879 students attending Weatherford schools and approximately 10 percent of these students are Native American. Out of the 189 Native American students, 101 of them are Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, which prompted Bruce Belanger, director of special education federal programs and testing, to contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program about forming a partnership.

The JOM program began with the Johnson O'Malley Act of 1934 ensuring Native American students receive an education they wouldn't otherwise receive under federal funds.

Under the JOM program financial assistance is available to Native American students who meet the academic and attendance criteria.

Belanger said the Weatherford Public School system also works closely with the Choctaw Honor Society and the Comanche Student Services Program to recognize the grades and attendance of their Native American students.

According to a PowerPoint presentation narrated by Marla Pankratz, Burcham Elementary principal, Weatherford Public Schools had one of the highest absentee rates in the state of Oklahoma in recent years.

Due to this sharp increase in absenteeism, the school system set forth new absentee policies for the 2008-2009 school year.

"Excessive absences is defined as a student with 10 or more absences per semester in a class for any reason except school activity absences, excused or unexcused," Pankratz said. "To receive credit for that semester the student and parents would have to file an appeal to the Attendance Review Committee to review documentation and the extenuating circumstance surrounding the absences."

Pankratz said Custer County has established a truancy court to expedite the cases of those prosecuted for violating Oklahoma's compulsory attendance laws and the Weatherford Public School systems are required by law to report truancy to the district attorney.

Continuing with the presentation Pankratz showed the new statistics for the 2007 and 2008 school years attendance rates which were drastically improved, especially in the high schools.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Bruce Belanger, director of special education for Weatherford Public Schools, leads the Native American parent's meeting.

Dinner and childcare are provided at every Native American parents meeting and all families are encouraged to attend.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight, it's really good to see so many parents who are interested in getting involved in their children's education," Belanger said.

The next meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the SWOSU Conference Center. This meeting will enable parent's to share their thoughts and ideas on how to close the achievement gaps for the students, the school and the future of education in the Weatherford community.

Filmmaker begins Feature Film Series about 1864 Sand Creek Massacre

Surviving Cheyenne, Arapaho descendents share their stories; donations being accepted for production

By Jessica Osenbrugge

If you drive about 180 miles southeast from Denver, almost to the Kansas border, you'll stumble upon a scruffy but vast patch of grass, trees and dust. There's a nearly dried up creek bed snaking its way through the fields, too. You might be so inclined to take a moment to read the memorial stone with the symbol of a Native American Indian wearing a feather headdress.

Sand Creek Battle Ground
Nov. 29 & 30, 1864

Most Cheyenne and Arapaho surviving descendants and others who have investigated the historical record of this event would never call Sand Creek a battle, but rather an ugly, brutal, and disgusting massacre provoked and perpetrated by the U.S. government and militia forces in the Colorado Territory.

In 1864, Sand Creek was the place where Black Kettle, Cheyenne chief, and Left Hand, Arapaho chief, camped with their people. They had done so in good faith and peace to avoid any further war with the U.S. government and European and American settlers.

On Nov. 29, 1864 U.S. Army Col. John Chivington and his troops from the First and Third Colorado cavalries attacked the camp.

Chief Black Kettle's tipi was adorned with an American flag that had been given to him a year prior during a visit to President Abraham Lincoln in Washington D.C. A white flag of surrender flew below the stars and stripes.

Although Chief Black Kettle had done nothing to provoke the attack, he assured his frightened people just as President Lincoln had that so long as the soldiers saw those flags, no one would be harmed.

The women, the children, the elderly sheltered underneath the safety of the American flag. Yet, the cavalries charged with their rifles and fired. Over 400 Cheyenne and Arapaho people had been massacred that day at Sand Creek. Many of the desecrated and mutilated bodies were left just as they fell while other reports indicate that trophy body parts were touted around in the saloons and theaters in Denver.

Yet, there were those who survived and passed their stories to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Today, the surviving descendants still speak of this brutal tragedy that has now been forgotten by most of us in America. Olympus Films+, LLC, a writing and film company from Centennial, Colo. would like to illuminate these stories into a two-hour, six episode documentary film titled, "Ghosts of Sand Creek."

The film project will feature Cheyenne and Arapaho descendants giving testimonies about the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre. Additionally, it will narrate a historical account of broken treaty agreements leading up to present-day conditions for Cheyenne and Arapaho people living on and off reservations.

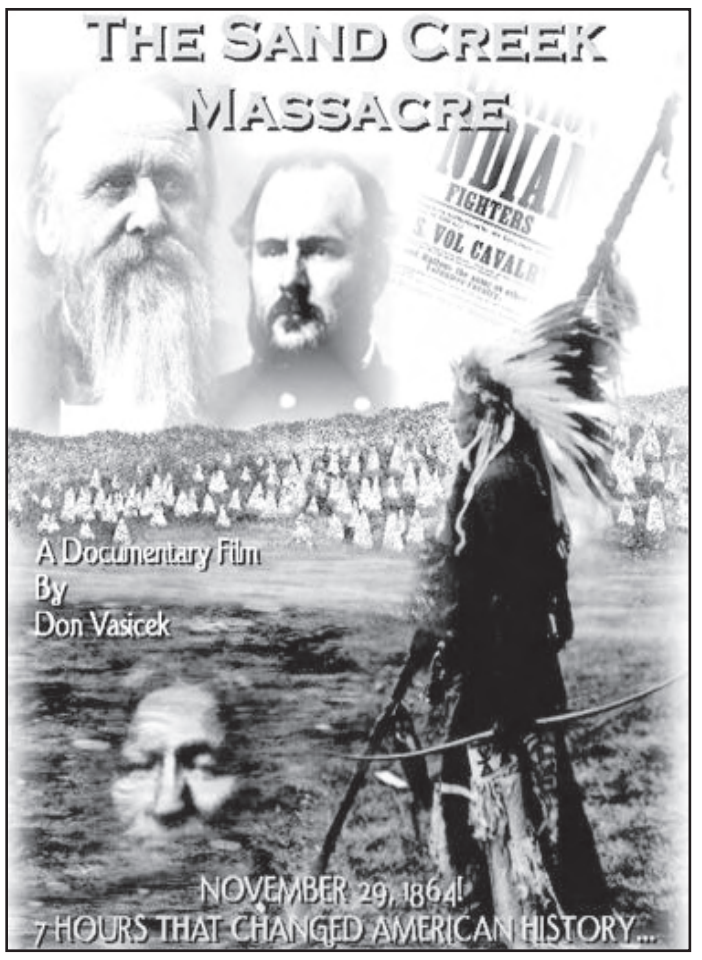
Filmmaker, writer, and producer Donald L. Vasicek, founder of Olympus Films+, LLC is dedicated to exposing and discussing the historical and contemporary experiences of the Cheyenne and Arapaho. In addition to writing and/or producing a feature film, two documentary films, and an educational video, Olympus Films+, LLC has also already produced an award-winning 22-minute documentary short, "The Sand Creek Massacre."

This short has won several film awards including the Best Film Award/ Philip S. Miller Library's The Bull Theatre Film Project, the Best Documentary Short/ American Indian Film Festival, and the Best Native American Film/ Golden Drover Award, Trail Dust Film Festival.

Today, over 12,000 acres of Sand Creek is preserved as a National Historic Site. Although the exact location of Black Kettle's camp is often contested; some say it was either at the horseshoe bend of the river or a mile or so north at Dawson's Bend.

On Oct. 6, 1998, Congress enacted Public Law 105-243, which was designed to provide the Secretary of Interior the ability to declare the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System. The public law also concluded that certain provisions of the 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas with the Cheyenne and Arapaho were unresolved. To date, the treaty obligations *still* remain unresolved.

"Ghosts of Sand Creek" would like to shed light on this unfulfilled treaty agreement and positively persuade the U.S. government to effectively bring reconciliation of its obligations. If reparations are honored, it could achieve a quality of life and healthy preservation of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture and history. This is why the American Indian Genocide Museum in Houston, Texas and the 15,000 members of the Sand Creek Massacre Descendant's Trust have given their support to "Ghosts of Sand Creek."



To begin with, "Ghosts of Sand Creek" will have a continuation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho testimonies already shared in the award-winning documentary short, "The Sand Creek Massacre." It will also educate about the treaties, including the 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas, from the period of 1825 through 1890 and will depict the surrounding conditions that directed U.S. governmental policy to not adhere to the terms of the treaties and subsequently allowed settlers and businesses to consume the land and resources.

The documentary film series will provide a historical account leading up to present-day, about the billions of dollars profited from natural gas, oil, and lumber production, mining, farming and ranching and land patent and tenure rights on or around Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal areas and sacred places.

"Ghosts of Sand Creek" will be filmed in southeast Colorado at the Sand Creek Massacre Site, the Northern Arapaho Wind River Reservation at Fort Washakie in Wyoming, the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer, Mont., and at various locations in Oklahoma including the towns of El Reno and Clinton.

Vasicek, at times likens the camera interviews he has conducted so far with the Cheyenne and Arapaho as though a patient is talking with a psychologist.

Although the descendants consider their oral histories absolutely sacred, they exhibit the cathartic, emotional need to share what happened over 144 years ago about their ancestors at Sand Creek. While witnessing the heart-felt testimonies, one would be convinced that the brutality at Sand Creek just happened yesterday.

Typically, the film production team offers gifts to each Cheyenne and Arapaho descendent who shares his or her story. One Cheyenne man, after an interview, was given a serape and bag of tobacco. He took the gifts and placed them at the feet of Vasicek.

He then got down on his knees and while bowing sang a song in Cheyenne. After another interview, a Cheyenne woman, broke out in tears and every effort was made to assuage her and provide comfort.

See Film, page 8

Respect & Parenting Classes
Date: March 30 -31, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Department of Education CATI
1621 D East Hwy 66
El Reno

Please contact: Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Health Education
Patricia Yarholar, MPH-CHES @ 405.422.7676 for info

To receive a certificate of attendance participants must attend all classes. No Exceptions!

"GET FIT"
LIGHT EXERCISE CLASSES
FOR SEDENTARY & OLDER ADULTS
Tuesdays & Occasional Thursday Mornings
Concho Community Center
10:00am -11:00 am
Classes will be:
Febr. 17, 19, 24, & 26
March 3, 5, 10, 24, **26** & 31
April 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, 28 & 30

LOSE WEIGHT PREVENT FALLS & INJURIES GET ACTIVE
FITNESS TESTING
CHAIR EXERCISES NUTRITION
INCREASE STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY
Sponsored by the C&A Southern Plains REACH US Program
Contact Kimit Chalepah or Margie Deer @ 422-7687 To Sign Up

Tribal Tidbits.....

Concho Head Start celebrates Valentine's Day with a party and treats on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Parent Michelle Bigfoot (l) volunteers to help out with the party spooning up some cheese dip for Kelci Johnson (r).

Pheona Keesie (l) and Kylie Harvie (r) show off their heart shaped cookies,

while Will Whitlow (c) gobbles up his Valentine's cupcake.

.....

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Child Care Development Center held their Valentine's Day party on Friday, Feb. 13, 2009. They served cupcakes, juice and gave out gift bags full of goodies.

Left: Jurnee Botone shows off her pink Valentine's hair decoration.

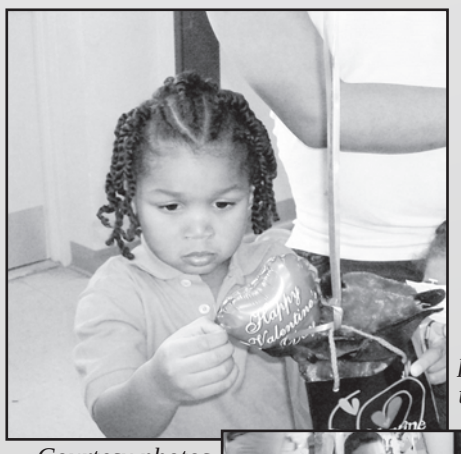
Right: Jessie Botone serves the students cupcakes she made and juice.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Nikonis Olgin anticipates what is in his Valentine's bag of goodies.

Winterhawk Pedro enjoys a Valentine's cupcake.

.....

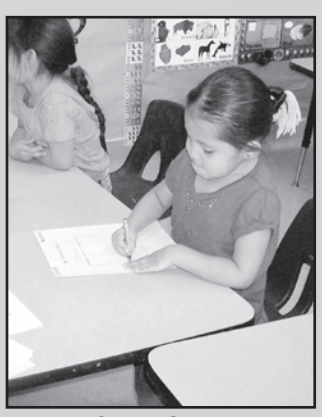


Clinton Head Start celebrate their own Valentine's Day with a party. They served cupcakes, juice and snacks.

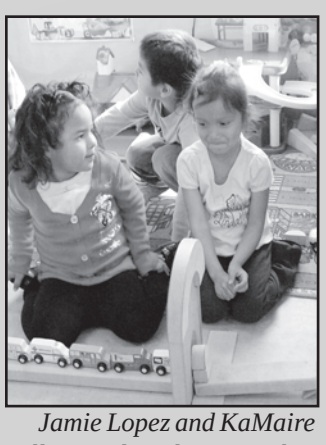
Javion Hill (l) plays with a Valentine balloon.

Courtesy photos

Clinton Head Start students sharing good times at their Valentine's Day party.



Auretha Cly practices writing in her classroom.



Jamie Lopez and KaMaire YellowEagle play together during classroom time.

Oklahomans advocate for women, girls

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

Oklahoma is at the top of the list.

The state tops the list for the number of females incarcerated and is also number one in child abuse.

"These statistics are not OK, and they are not Oklahoma," Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins said.

Overall, the state comes in at third place for being one of the worst states for women in America. The state also comes in at fourth place in divorce rates, fourth in the number of women murdered by men, sixth in teen births, 41st in the employment and earnings of women, 42nd in overall women's health, 45th in the number of managerial and professional jobs women have, and 47th in women with health insurance.

Photo by Dana Attocknie

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins addresses attendees of "Oklahoma Women: Advocate!" on Feb. 18, 2009 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

These statistics were shared during a press conference that launched *Oklahoma Women: Advocate!* on Feb. 18, 2009 at the Oklahoma State Capitol. A newly formed non-partisan group called Oklahoma Women's Coalition (OWC) spearheaded the day of advocacy.

Guest speakers included Attorney General Drew Edmondson, President Pro Tempe Sen. Glen Coffee, Democratic Leader Sen. Charlie Laster, Speaker of the House Rep. Chris Benge, Minority Leader Rep. Danny Morgan, Congresswoman Mary Fallin, former Oklahoma House of Representatives member Susan Winchester, and members of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition.

"We've got some real serious issues we have to face … we have a choice to look and see if the glass is half full or half empty," Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy said. "I overcame a lot of odds. I'm so proud to represent women ... there is great hope."

Organizations that have joined OWC thus far include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., American Association of University Women – Oklahoma, Business & Professional Women – Oklahoma, Chickasaw Nation, Girl Scouts – Western Oklahoma, Inc., Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, League of Women Voters of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Nurses Association, Women's International Network of Utility Professionals, YWCA Tulsa, and YWCA Oklahoma City.

The coalition's three main efforts are to develop advocacy agendas; host an annual advocacy day at the capitol, and advocate on issues that will better the lives of women, girls and families in Oklahoma.

OWC Chairwoman Jean Warner said they are not certain they will advocate on any particular bills this legislative session since the group is only a couple of months old, but first and foremost they want to be a highly respected resource for legislators.

Edmondson spoke to attend-

See advocate, page 9

Cheyenne, Arapaho students visit Washington, D.C.

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho education department and R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program sponsored six students to attend the Close Up/National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Legislative Summit.

The annual program was held in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 8-14, 2009. Cheyenne and Arapaho students who attended were Breanna Faris, Amber Williams, Adam Youngbear, Dylan Gilbert, Chris Rednose and Anthony Plentybears.

Close Up and the NIEA organization formed a partnership for the 2009 program. Since 1971, Close Up has provided educational programs in Washington, D.C. that help students learn how they can play key roles in the U.S. system of democracy.

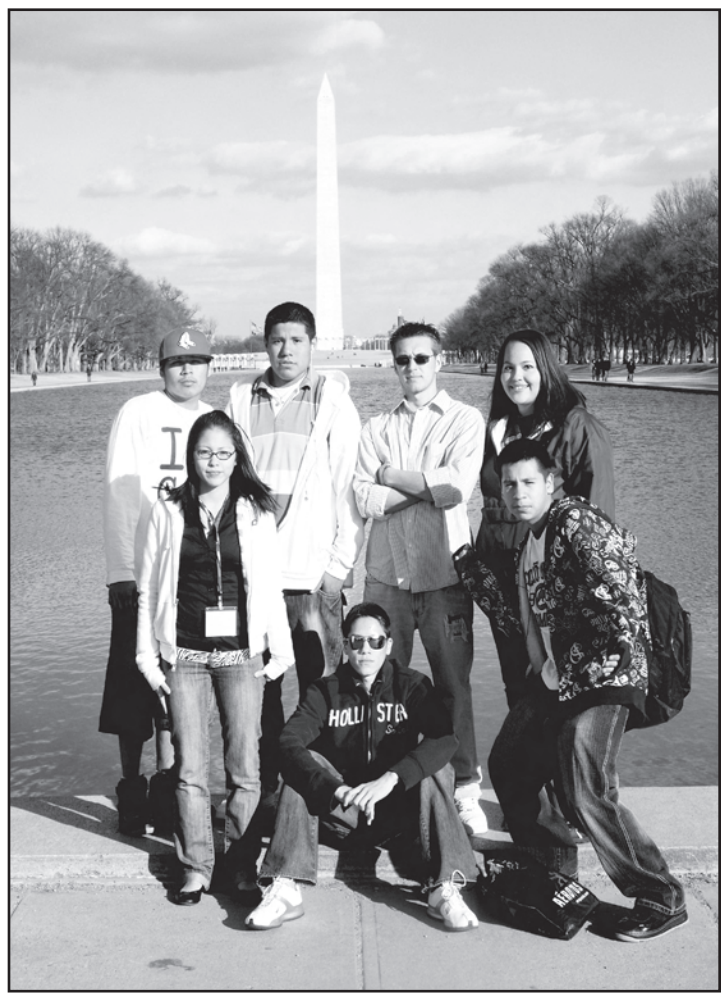
Close Up is known for being fun and for positively impacting student attitudes. As our 650,000 alums attest, it's the educational experience of a lifetime.

Highlights of the week included visits to the Iwo Jima memorial, Capitol Hill, White House, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). The students also had the opportunity to attend a taping of CSPAN. On the last evening Close Up sponsored a banquet and social dance.

The students were also responsible for planning a Tribal Action Initiative, which focused on alcohol abuse. The initiative had possible solutions for alcohol abuse in their communities, which had to be presented at a senate building on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009.

Participant Amber Williams stated, "I would encourage other students to attend the Close Up Program because it is a good experience for Native Americans. I realized that I want to try and succeed in college because I can be an official in Washington, D.C. someday."

All the students who were sponsored to attend Close Up are all active members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council. The education department and R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program are proud to support the student's leadership endeavors and hope they continue to be a valuable asset to the youth council.



Courtesy photo

Anthony Plentybears, Aubrey Karty, Chris Rednose, Dylan Gilbert, Breanna Faris, Marshal Williamson, Adam Youngbear (sitting)

Youth Council members attend the UNITY Mid-Year Conference

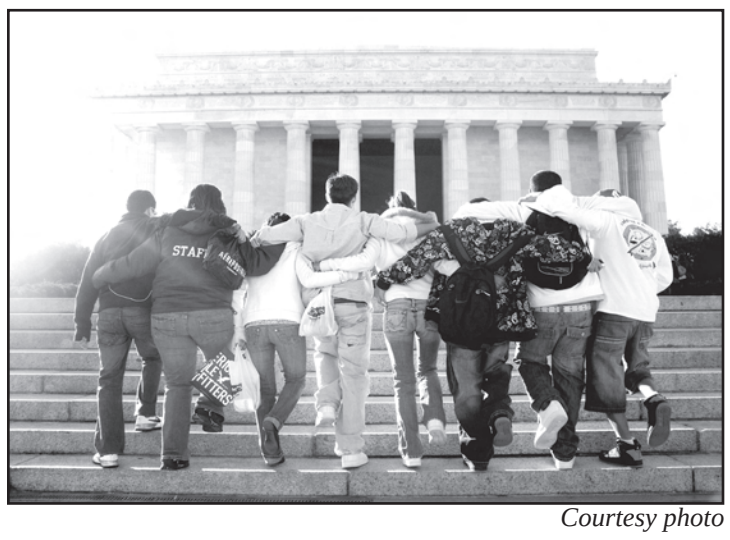
Submitted article

The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) organization sponsored the annual Mid-Year Conference in Washington, D.C. from Feb. 10 to 14, 2009.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council is part of the Celebrate Native Health (CNH) project, which receives funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The CNH project sponsored two students to attend. The students selected were Aubrey Karty, secretary, and Marshal Williams, vice-president.

The students were required to present an annual report from their respective youth councils. Everyone attended various leadership workshops and several speakers provided motivational messages.



Courtesy photo

Adam Youngbear, Breanna Faris, Aubrey Karty, Dylan Gilbert, Amber Williams, Amber Williamson, Chris Rednose, Anthony Plentybears

A special presentation was given by journalist Scout Tufankjian, who is the author of the book *Yes We Can!* The book is a collection of photographs taken throughout the past two years of the Barack Obama campaign and his supporters.

Tufankjian is also the photographer responsible for the students CNH posters.

The students visited the White House, Capitol Hill, National Mall, Lincoln Memorial, War Memorial, the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) and a senate hearing at the Dirksen building.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program is a proud sponsor of the C&A Youth Council.

We hope the students learned valuable information that will be beneficial to the youth council.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho RESpECT Program is sponsoring:
Spring Fling 2009
Sat March 14, 2009 Roman Nose State Park
Inviting all tribal youth gardes k - 12th
Registration begins at 9:30am
Activities begin at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm
Lunch to be provided
Activities to include the following:
Hiking, Archery, Mini Golf, Paddle Boats, Canoeing, Fishing, Games and a Scavenger Hunt
T-shirts will be given to all participants who attend the FULL DAYS activities.
Volunteers welcome, please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T office at 405.422.7585 or 1.800.247.4612 ext 27585

C&A Youth Council
Inviting Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Youth!
* Hand Game Activity *
Sunday, March 8, 2009
Concho Community Hall
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
LUNCH * DOOR PRIZES
TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED!
For more information contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at 1-800-24-4612 ext. 27578 or email CA_YOUTH_COUNCIL@YAHOO.COM.

CALL FOR CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO GRADUATES

Submitted article

Immediate attention! The education department needs the names and addresses of all Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members who will be graduating from high school or college in May 2009.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Graduation Banquet has been set for May 6, 2009 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Ballroom in Weatherford, Okla.

In order for eligible graduates to receive an invitation, we need to have verification they are going to graduate.

Ask your school registrar or counselor to send the confirmation letter, or simply send your name and school so we can then call to verify graduation status.

The graduation lists are being completed at this time. Send letters of verifications to Wanda Whiteman, Gaming-Higher Education Program, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org.

Contact numbers are (405) 422-7560 or (405) 422-7568.

A visitor from the big apple

Submitted article

Darlington school was honored to have a visitor from New York through the week of Feb. 17, 2009.

Jermaine Lloyd flew in this past week to get to know more about the school that his students have been pen paling with for the last three years.

Lloyd is the third grade teacher at the Manhattan Country School. He said that Darlington was of great interest to him because of the large Cheyenne and Arapaho population.

While here he also visited with Quinton Roman Nose from the education department, the buffalo project with Rupert Nowlin, the tribal headquarters and the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program with Eddie Hamilton.

He also visited the Oklahoma City Memorial Museum. Lloyd attended a Thunder basketball game and he went to watch the Darlington boys win the O.R.E.S. regionals in basketball.

He also went to the Lucky Star Casino and had an Indian taco at the REZ.

He also told us that he was a Sooner fan and was seen wearing an O.U. sweatshirt.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

At a school wide assembly Mrs. Acuff, the Darlington third grade teacher and the Darlington Boys & Girls Club presented Lloyd with a traditional gift of a Pendleton blanket and our Darlington girls performed the Lord's Prayer in sign language for his journey home.

Lloyd said that he really enjoyed his visit and feels that the students learn a lot from each other. He looks forward to continuing to correspond with the Darlington third grade class.

Tribal casinos receive licenses

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' casino enterprises receive their Gaming Facility Licenses on Feb. 19, 2009. The licenses are issued by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) after facilities meet all regulations and requirements.

Gaming Chairman Floyd Bringing Good and Gaming Commissioner Michelle Conroy present license to Concho Lucky Star Casino General Manager Kris Little Raven.

Also receiving licenses were Clinton Lucky Star Casino, Feather Warrior Casino in Watonga, Okla. and Feather Warrior Casino in Canton, Okla.

Protecting your children from domestic violence, abuse

Submitted article

How to make your children safer:

- Teach them not to get in the middle of a fight, even if they want to help.
- Teach them how to get to safety, to call 911, to give your address and phone number to the police.
- Teach them who to call for help.
- Tell them to stay out of the kitchen.
- Give school officials a copy of your court order; tell them not to release your children to anyone without talking to you first; use a password so they can be sure it is you on the phone; give them a photo of the abuser.
- Make sure the children know who to tell at school if they see the abuser.
- Make sure that the school knows not to give your address or phone number to anyone.

Source: American Bar Association

If there are any question or what more information regarding child abuse, domestic abuse, drug and alcohol prevention.

Feel free to contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes ICW program at (405) 422-1173 and ask for Adrian Prairie, chief prevention caseworker.

Cobell welcomes statement on Indian trust lawsuit

(BROWNING, Mont.) Elousie Cobell, the lead plaintiff in the 13-year-old class action lawsuit over the federal government's mismanagement of Individual Indian Trust accounts, said on Feb. 13, 2009 she was pleased that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has stated the Obama administration will try to settle the litigation.

In testimony before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee Thursday, Salazar said he "will try to bring" the case "to conclusion."

The secretary also said he was aware that two previous Interior secretaries had been held in civil contempt in the case.

Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, said that the more than 500,000 Indians covered by the lawsuit want to see the case resolved properly.

"We are happy that the Obama administration appears to be taking a positive view toward resolving our case," Cobell said.

"The Secretary must understand that the Cobell litigation cannot be settled unless such settlement is fair, equitable, and in accordance with trust law."

Dorsett

Continued from page 1

would encourage tribal members to become more involved in the political process of voting and voicing their opinions and being heard," Dorsett said. "And that tribal leadership, as a result of that, needs to listen."

Dorsett's hometown is Geary, Okla. She has four sisters, two brothers, and two children, Christian, 12, and Carley, 2. She coaches her sons' basketball team, The Ballers, and until recently she also coached at Darlington Schools. She's played basketball herself most of her life, including playing four years of college ball.

She said she loves to play ball and read when she's not taking care of her kids and her family. One of her future goals is to return to school and obtain her doctoral degree in Native American studies and leadership issues. She said the degree would help her learn more about, "sovereignty, our rights as nations, and be an advocate."

"I'm not real sure why its been so hard to get Fort Reno back," she said. "Hopefully, I'll get to fight that fight."

Thus far, Dorsett said her job has been both challenging and rewarding and she loves it.

C-3 Fundraising Schedule

March 2

Bake sale 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at C-3 Office in Clinton

March 4

Rib sale 10 a.m. – sold out at Clinton Independent Living Center (ILC)

March 6

Regular taco sale 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Clinton ILC

March 11

Soup and salad lunch 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Clinton ILC

March 13

Spaghetti lunch 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Clinton ILC

March 14

Saturday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Yard Sale at 418 S. 17th St. in Clinton

March 18

Homemade chili and cornbread lunch 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Clinton ILC

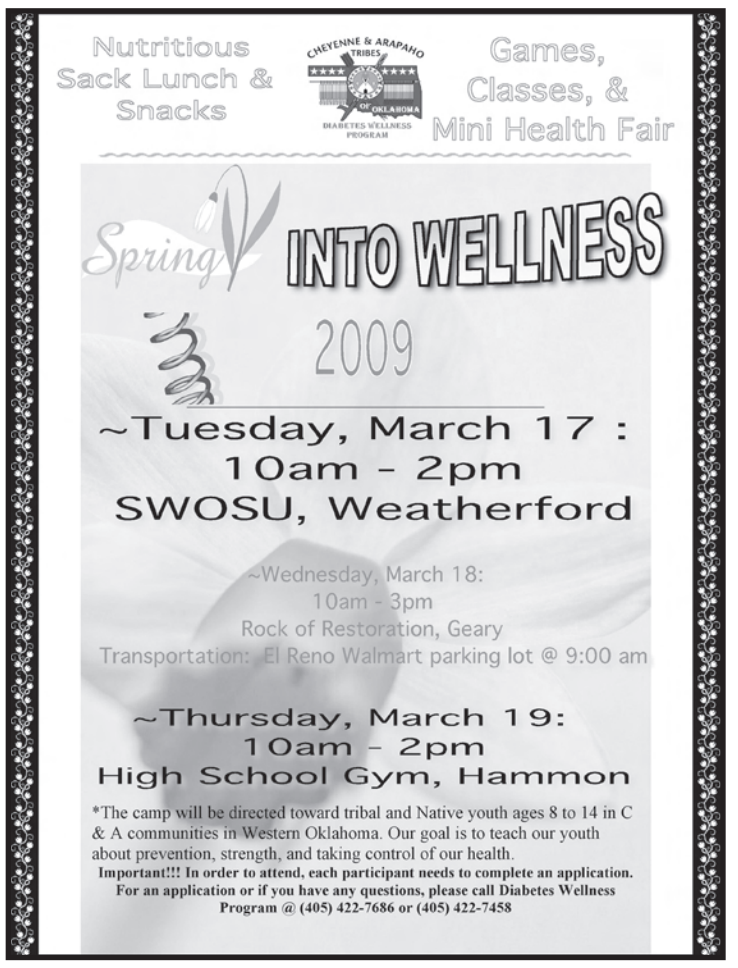
Indian Taco Sale

The American Legion Post 401 and Ladies Auxiliary will be having an Indian Taco Sale at the Rollin Haag Native American Church. Take out or eat in.

DATE: March 13, 2009
TIME: 1130 a.m. to 1 p.m.
MENU: Indian taco, cake, and drink.
COST: $6 (Six Dollars)

All proceeds will go to the Concho American Legion Post 401 and Ladies Auxiliary.

Any questions please call Linda Schneider at (405) 201-6100.


Nutritious Sack Lunch & Snacks
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
DIABETES WELLNESS PROGRAM
Games, Classes, & Mini Health Fair
Spring INTO WELLNESS
2009
~Tuesday, March 17 :
10am - 2pm
SWOSU, Weatherford
~Wednesday, March 18:
10am - 3pm
Rock of Restoration, Geary
Transportation: El Reno Walmart parking lot @ 9:00 am
~Thursday, March 19:
10am - 2pm
High School Gym, Hammon
*The camp will be directed toward tribal and Native youth ages 8 to 14 in C & A communities in Western Oklahoma. Our goal is to teach our youth about prevention, strength, and taking control of our health.
Important!!! In order to attend, each participant needs to complete an application.
For an application or if you have any questions, please call Diabetes Wellness Program @ (405) 422-7686 or (405) 422-7458

Family Winter Clothing Outfitters
Save Money! Top Quality - Latest Styles Bargain Pricing
From Nose to Toes Warm Clothes for Less
Children to King Size Jackets
Big Selection
LAYAWAYS WELCOMED
Camping Supplies, Tents, Tarps, Knives, Cast Iron Cookwear & Enamel Cookwear
Early Buy!!! Winter Insulated Canvas Coveralls Bibs, and Jackets
Dickies Brand Clothing Military Camo Clothes
Casual & Work-wear Working Men: You want it, We have it!
Rain Boots-Leather-Nylon Work Boots-Rain Wear
We Appreciate Your Business Since 1945
Sam's Best Buys (405) 636-1486
2409 S. Agnew Ave. OKC Mon. - Sat. 9am-5:45pm

Snider's Catering
102 North Main, Kingfisher, OK

Banquet Hall Available to Seat 70 People
Smoked Meats
Fried Turkeys
Poultry
Beef
Variety Vegetables
Desserts
Beverages
Condiments Provided
Banquets ~ Holiday Parties ~ Special Events ~ Wedding Receptions
Rehearsal Dinner ~ Funeral Dinner
Call Today! 405.375.5844

WANTED
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN GOOD$
Pawn * Buy * Sell * Trade
Dean's Drive-Thru Pawn Shop
2617 S. Robinson-OKC, OK
www.deanspawn.com
405.239.2774

2nd Annual
Concho BIA Employees Reunion
Saturday, March 14, 2009
4H/Education Building
220 N. Country Club. Rd
(Just North of Jenks Simmons Field House)
El Reno, Oklahoma
12:00pm ~ 5:00pm
Come and eat, visit, play games, etc.!!
We will be having:
White Elephant Gift Exchange
&
Memorabilia Table
(Please Bring your Pictures, etc)
~Pot Luck~
For More Information you may contact some of the Reunion Committee by email:
Becky Dyer @ lipssofine49@yahoo.com
Patty Bell @ pbell@c-a-tribes.org
Calvin White @ gcwhite2002@yahoo.com

Committees pass official English bill

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - Legislation that would ask voters to make English the official language of state government was approved by separate House committees Wednesday Feb. 18, 2009 in spite of opponents who said it would not encourage immigrants who are proficient in other languages to learn English.

``I think it is shortsighted. This kind of thinking is so backward,'' Pat Fennel, executive director the Latino Community Development Agency, said after separate committees voted to send two companion official English bills to the full House for debate and a vote.

The author of the bills, Rep. Randy Terrill, R-Moore, said the measures will prevent the state from having to provide taxpayer-funded services in any language other than English.

A constitutional amendment making English the official language would have to be approved by voters in a statewide referendum before it went into effect.

If approved, Terrill said, the referendum would make unenforceable a federal executive order requiring state agencies that receive federal funds to provide services to people who speak languages other than English.

Terrill said the measure would specifically stop the publishing of driver's license tests in multiple languages.

He recalled a federal investigation of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety last year over allegations the agency violated the civil rights of two Iranian immigrants who were not provided written driver's license exams in Farsi.

Terrill, who authored a nearly identical bill last year that died in the Senate, said state taxpayers should not have to bear the cost of printing the tests in multiple languages.

``Drivers who cannot read or understand English are a danger to other drivers on the road because they cannot read warning signs or communicate with other motorists,'' said Terrill, who authored sweeping legislation two years ago that was designed to deprive illegal immigrants of jobs and state services.

A federal judge blocked a portion of the state immigration law last year and said it is ``substantially likely'' the law is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Robin J. Cauthron issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting enforcement of provisions of the law that subjects employers to penalties for failing to comply with a federal employee verification system.

The decision was appealed to the 10th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in Denver.

The official English measure exempts the languages of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized American Indian tribes, but tribal leaders, including Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith, have said they oppose the measure and its goal of forcing immigrants to assimilate into American society.

It was also opposed by Fennel and a spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma, Tamya Cox.

``This is not the way for Oklahomans to become proficient in the English language,'' Cox said.

Fennel, a ***native*** of Ecuador, said it is a myth that Latino immigrants want to change the language and culture of the U.S.

``Not once have I ever heard anyone say, 'I don't want to learn English,'' Fennel said.

But learning English is not easy and it does not happen overnight.

She said the measure will limit economic and learning opportunities in the state. But Mark Lerner of the Constitutional Alliance said it is the responsibility of immigrants to understand English well enough to function in an English-speaking nation.

``At the end of the day, you have to prepare for what you're going to do,'' Lerner said.

On Tuesday Feb. 17, 2009, a state Senate committee passed a bill to make English ``the common language'' of Oklahoma, a measure that Terrill described as ``a sham official English bill.''

Private individuals and businesses would still be allowed to use whatever language they choose under Terrill's measure.

He said more than 30 states have already approved official English laws.

Sunday-Allen named CEO of Oklahoma City Indian Clinic

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, which provides health services for about half the city's Native American population, recently named Robyn Sunday-Allen as its Chief Executive Officer.

Sunday-Allen, a registered nurse, is a member of the Cherokee Nation and has held a variety of positions at the Clinic since 1995.

"We could have done a nationwide search for a CEO and not found a better candidate," said Dr. Everett Rhoades MD, president of the OKCIC board of directors. "She is not only an experienced nurse with a master's degree in public health administration, but has also gained national recognition for several programs that improved the Clinic and the services it provides."

Rhoades said Sunday-Allen is expected to continue her tradition of excellence as she steps up to the helm. Sunday-Allen said she is prepared for that challenge.

"The next few years are going to be a time of change," Sunday-Allen said. "We constantly work to improve and expand our programs in creative and innovative ways. There are many health issues facing the urban Native American. I am going to have my hands full."

Sunday-Allen pointed to the increasing rate of diabetes among urban Native Americans as a critical issue.

Under her guidance, the OKCIC is implementing several prevention and care programs.

"We've started a camp for children that focuses on healthy lifestyles," Sunday-Allen said. "Unlike many programs aimed at wellness, children in our program learn that taking care of themselves is a great way to preserve their Native heritage. They learn to be proud Native Americans and live a healthy lifestyle at the same time."

Quality of life for Native Americans is not just a career for Sunday-Allen. It is her life. Sunday-Allen is a member of the Cherokee Nation and, as a child, spent a great deal of time with her grandparents, who spoke Cherokee in their home.

"When I was with my grandparents, we lived the Cherokee culture," Sunday-Allen said. "It is key to who I am. I want to preserve and celebrate that culture for the sake of my ancestors, my fellow Native Americans and my four-year-old son."

Sunday-Allen earned a bachelor of science in nursing and a master of public health administration and policy from the University of Oklahoma. She also holds a bachelor of arts in psychology from OU.

The Pryor native began her career at the OKCIC in 1995 as a registered nurse and became the director of nursing before stepping into the position of chief operating officer in 2001. The COO position gave her the opportunity to conceive and implement several of the programs she will now control as CEO.

"One of my main focuses was to improve the quality of service our patients and clients receive," Sunday-Allen said. "As a result of our improved service program, we reduced complaints by half and increased both our employee and patient satisfaction rates."

Sunday-Allen is now focusing on getting more public attention for the Clinic.

"We serve about half of the city's Native American population each year," Sunday-Allen said. "But many people still don't know about us. I'm working to change that."

She is succeeding. Last April, NBC's Today Show featured the OKCIC in its Lend-a-Hand segment. The Today Show's Al Roker visited the clinic for a live broadcast and presented the clinic with some $275,000 in donations.

"Having national exposure was great, but it was just the beginning," Sunday-Allen said. "The more people understand what we are doing, the more we will be able to accomplish. We have lots of big plans. Our Native American community – and the city as a whole – will be enriched by those plans."

EATING well for DIABETES

By Kristie Purdy, MA, RD, C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Dear Diary …

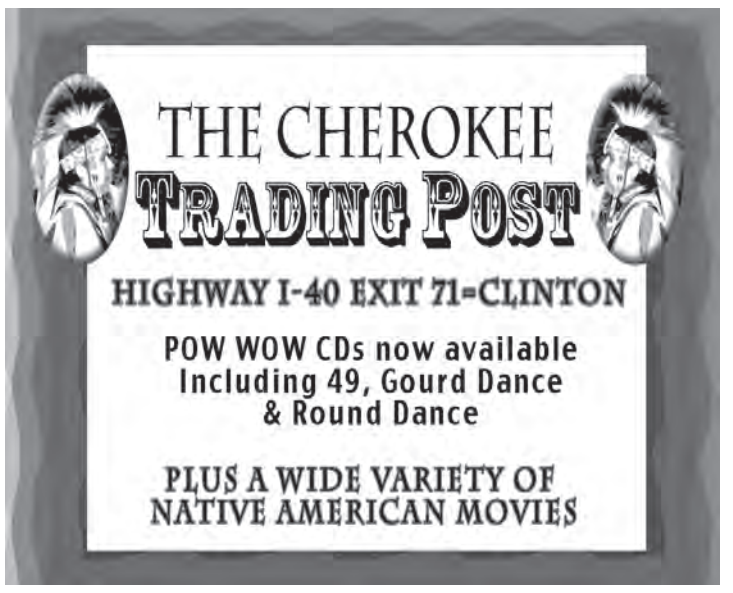
When managing diabetes, many people find keeping a "diabetes diary" helpful in controlling blood sugar levels. A diabetes diary is a way to track and record all of your diabetic information, including: blood sugar reading, insulin/medication doses, diet, carbohydrate counting and exercise.

Those with diabetes who keep a daily diary, find they are more in control of their care. A diary offers you a way to identify areas of your eating plan and exercise that might need to change. Among the benefits, a diary can help you focus on your goals, and think twice before indulging in a high-carbohydrate snack, deciding not to measure your blood sugar, and remembering to take your medications.

A diabetes diary is a good tool to bring along to doctors or dietitian appointments. A diary will allow your doctor to see exactly what is going on in your day to day life. This will give him/her better insight in managing your diabetes needs, and adjusting medications. It will also allow your dietitian to see what foods you are eating and how they are affecting blood sugar levels. This will allow him/her to create a meal plan to better suit your needs.

A diabetes diary doesn't need to be fancy – any notebook, journal or pad of paper will do. Record the time of day blood sugars are measured, when your meals are eaten, what food and the amount of food that is ate at each meal and snack, when medication was taken, and when and for what length of time you exercised.

By actively taking control of your diabetes management, you are decreasing your risk for blindness, kidney disease, nervous system damage, heart disease, and stroke.



Indian Tacos

Fry Bread
2 cups all purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
4 cups oil (for frying)
Toppings
1lb ground beef
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 cups shredded lettuce
2 tomatoes (diced)
½ cup picante sauce

Step 1: Combine pinto beans and 2 tablespoons of picante sauce in a sauce pan over low heat. Heat until heated thorough. In a large skillet cook ground beef with taco seasoning according to the package directions. Cover and keep warm.

Step 2: To make fry bread – in a bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk and mix until the dough comes together and forms a ball. On floured surface kneed the dough until its smooth. Let rest for 5 minutes.

Step 3: Heat oil in a deep skillet (oil should be at least 1 ½" deep) to 365 degrees. Break off ¾ cup sized pieces of the dough and shape into round discs that are about ¼" in thickness. Make a thinner depressed area in the center. Fry the bread (1 piece at a time) in the hot oil until golden brown on both sides. Turn only once. Drain on paper towels.

Step 4: Top fry bread with beans, taco meat, tomatoes, lettuce and cheese.

Cooking with commods

HINONO 'EITIIT
Arapaho Language Class
March 7, 2009
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lavonta Kendrick's House
4.5 Miles South of Canton on SH 58
Facilitator Billie S. Sutton

BRIEFS

The 2009 American Indian Parent Conference-"Tradition of Life Long Learning: Mapping out a Child's Journey through Education"

March 16-17, 2009 at the Glendale Community College in Glendale, Ariz. Conference registration packet can be downloaded at www.aieacorp.org.

Second annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference

March 19-20, 2009 in Denver, Colo. Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, Dull Knife College and Wind River Tribal College. For more information contact Quinton Roman Nose at (405) 422-7562.

Indian Country's Enrollment Summit

March 23-25, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com/training/enrollment.

Indian Housing Law Conference

March 25-27, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinistitute.com.

Indian Country's Indirect Cost Summit

March 24-25, 2009 at the Palace Station in Las Vegas, Nev. To register or for more information visit www.falmouth-training.com/training.

Conducting Credible Tribal Elections

March 26-27, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com/training.

The 16th annual Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Conference

April 13-14, 2009 Mayo Clinic Campus, Rochester, Minn. For more information call (800) 323-2688 or visit www.mayo.edu/cme.

Sixth annual Pediatric Multidisciplinary Research and Evidence-Based Practice Conference

April 17, 2009 at the Eric P. Newman Education Center in St. Louis, Mo. For more information call (314) 454-8790 or email KaBalakas@bjc.org.

The 2009 National Conference on Summer Learning

April 16-17, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Ill. For more information call (410) 516-6228 or visit www.summerlearning.com

The 2009 Partnerships for Indian Education Conference

April 17-19, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center, in Norman, Okla. For more information, visit the conference Web site at www.indianeducation.org or email to info@indianeducation.org.

The National Forum on Native American Dropout Prevention Strategies

April 19 - 22, 2009 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. To register online visit www.dropoutprevention.org.

Leading the Way: Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change

April 20-24, 2009 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information, email Patricia Cochran at pcochran@aknsc.org or to register visit www.indigenoussummit.com.

CULTURAL CORNER

A Brief History of the Native American Church

By Abraham Pedro

"This peyote isn't anything to play around with. This way of worship, it all pertains towards life. It does not matter when or how each tribe received this medicine, because God gave it to each of us equally, what matters is how we take care of it."
- Informs revered Kiowa Elder, Horace Kaullaity, 81

I find it hard to write about cultural items, especially when it comes to our traditional ways. Certain things are not meant to be in print, and I do not want to become an advertisement for our culture. However, after one of my supervisors advised me to "quit wasting so much time putting up them dang tents you people always put up. I hope they all blow away." I realize that there is still a lot of misinformation about peyote, about our traditional beliefs and practices. So, after this past pilgrimage and ceremony that was held for all Cheyenne and Arapaho people down in Mirando City, Texas this past Feb. 20 and 21, 2009, I felt it would be a significant contribution to inform our tribal public about a brief history of our peyote religion.

"The meeting place is a tipi with its entrance to the east. A crescent-shaped altar and fire are prepared according to custom. A drum, feather fan, eagle humerus whistle, gourd rattle, Bull Durham tobacco, and sagebrush complete the necessary ritual equipment. The chief or leader usually supplies the peyote for the meeting. Members bathe before the meeting, and about nightfall they gather in small groups outside the tipi—first the chief, then the chief-drummer, the cedarman, next the men, then the women and children with the fire-chief last—all making their way into the tipi." Omer C. Stewart

The peyote ceremony begins in the evening and centers inside a tipi especially for this purpose, such as a personal vow for good health or the recovery of a family member from sickness. A person is selected on their upright moral character and ceremonial efficacy to lead the ceremony and after praying with tobacco, followed by the sacramental eating of peyote, a staff holding a gourd and a small water drum are passed around, and the men sing through the night. At certain times, more prayers are said, and water is brought in. Fans belonging to certain birds are used to bring out the inherent qualities of these creations. Towards morning more water is brought in. With the rise of the sun, a ceremonial breakfast is brought in consisting of water, corn, fruit, and meat. When everyone is done eating, the ceremony is completed, and the people attending the ceremony go outside the lodge towards the new day.

Peyote is a small spineless slow growing cactus that grows underneath scrub bush desert areas around northeastern Mexico and in southern Texas. Traditionally, it has been used as a medicine by numerous tribes around this area, and has also been incorporated by all tribes in North America to date. According to scientific analysis, peyote contains trace chemicals that are mildly enthoegenic, and is not habit forming. Medically, it has antiseptic properties, also possesses a very bitter taste, and is used widely for its therapeutic and healing properties that it contains.

Brief History

The word for "peyote" originates from the Nascua, or Aztec word for "*Peyutl*," the pericardium, or the covering of the heart. Peyote buttons found in Shumla Cave in southern Texas have been radiocarbon dated back to 3500 BC. There is much evidence that the use of peyote goes farther back into antiquity. The earliest recorded use of the ceremony that we have today was recorded by a Catholic missionary in 1649 of the Carrizo people in the areas of what is now Laredo and on into Corpus Christi, Texas. There is also much evidence that there were already elaborate trade networks set up in southern Texas from which many tribes received peyote from dating back to the 1500s. It is also said that there were vast trade networks established across the whole continent in pre-Colombian times. These Carrizo people, known to the Kiowa and Comanche as the "Sandal Wearing People," were instrumental in sharing this way of worship with the Lipan Apache, who in turn shared it with the rest of the Southern Plains tribes.

The Kiowa and Comanche were pushed southward by the effects of the warring that went on between the Cheyenne, as well as tribes to the North around 1700. It is historically known, that several groups of Southern Arapahos would camp and go raid with the Kiowa's. It is not known when they gained medicine, but by the time the southern plains tribes were relocated to Western Oklahoma, the Kiowa and Comanche, and shortly after the Arapaho and the Cheyenne, began to practice the peyote religion through interpersonal contacts with the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache.

"*The white man goes into his church and talks about Jesus. The Indian goes into his Tipi and talks* ***with*** *Jesus*." – Quanah Parker, Comanche chief, (1840-1911)

Native American Church

"I hope that these blessings and these ceremonies continue, and the ceremonies that we hold at Mirando City, Texas in the third weekend of February continue with the legacy that we have with the Cardenas family." -Alden Naranjo Jr., Southern Ute

As soon as missionaries became aware of this new religion, they began organized attempts to restrict its usage, and even passed laws outlawing the usage of peyote amongst Native American people. Some of our people may still remember the days when BIA policemen would take and confiscate our ceremonial regalia and burn it to get rid of it. Through many such situations, and at the local, state and national levels, in 1918, at the express advisement of James Mooney, an Anthropologist, after testifying at state congressional hearings held concerning the sacramental use of peyote by our indigenous peoples, our people held a meeting at Bob Cook's home place at Twelve Mile Point (a few miles north of Calumet), where the Native American Church was first established. The original copy of this meeting

currently resides with the Native American Church (NAC) chairman Cheyenne chapter No. 1, Charlie Haag. As a registered church, under state law, it afforded our people certain legal protections to freely practice our native religion.

From that point on, there have been certain legal protections provided for Native American people to freely practice their own nativistic religions. With the passing of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1990, and the amendment of AIRFA in 1994 (due to Smith v. Oregon, 1991) pertaining directly towards obtaining, transportation, and ceremonial usage of medicine gives Native Americans certain legal rights and responsibilities towards the peyote ceremony and the NAC that is unquestionable. Today, there are over 80 NAC Chapters across the nation in over 50 tribes with over 250,000 members.

Every year, around President's Day, our people have made a pilgrimage to the peyote gardens, where it grows in southern Texas. Some of our revered elders remember a time when there were no fences in southern Texas, when the only way down there was by horseback and drawn carriage. It is said that that medicine peyote grew everywhere down there, and on into the 1920s, to the 1940s, there began settlements that developed more extensively down there. In the 1960s, because of the hippie counterculture, busloads of people who sought to get peyote for illicit means forced the hand of the State of Texas, which resulted in the establishment of the rule by the Texas Department of Public Safety: Peyote became a schedule one narcotic, only people that are ¼ federally recognized Native American blood quantum may obtain and transport peyote in the state of Texas, as well as the establishment of licensed peyoteros. Though peyote has always been sold going back into the 1800s, at the time of 1965 peyote cost $5 for a thousand peyote buttons and has gone up in price ever since. Today it is $350 a thousand. There used to be lots of peyoteros, today, there are only three. This is also because of the strain of a quarter-million members of this ceremony across the nation, as well as the fact that this is a very slow growing plant.

Many people from our tribe used to go down to this area as it was established to view bull fightings, and also to go on into México to get trade goods such as blankets. One peyotero family used to allow peyote members to hold meetings on their land going back into the late 1950s. It wasn't until 1964 when this family, Claudio and Amada Cardenas, asked the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for a meeting for their family. At this time, Raymond Stonecalf and Ernest Michovi held the first meetings for this family on Friday and Saturday night on the third weekend of February. Since that time, our people have had meetings down there annually, and it has evolved into present times.

In an unbroken line spanning 45 years to present, beginning with Raymond Stonecalf, we have held a presence in this sacred country to our people. Others who have officiated these peyote meetings include (in order) on Friday Night: Ernest Michovi, Harvey Natchez (N. Ute), Vincent Grove (S. Ute), and currently Alden Naranjo Jr. For Saturday Night: Raymond Stonecalf, Danny Sandoval, Burt Youngman, Rutherford Loneman, Eugene Blackbear Jr., Tommy Nez (Navajo), Virgil Franklin, Archie Hoffman, Wilbur Goodblanket, Melvin Jorge, Rollin Haag, and to the present Charlie Haag. Today, the son of this original peyotero family wants to keep this tradition alive, and in Amada's will, has allowed her estate to remain open to use for ceremonies for NAC people. Included this year was an official letter of welcome by the estate caretaker Gary Cardenas stating he hopes this tradition continues into the future. This coming year, Charlie Haag and his wife have both agreed to continue this NAC service for our people on this land in Mirando City, Texas.

Today, there have been many abuses with this peyote. It is a strict ceremonial requiring adherents to maintain a sober, clean healthy existence inside and outside of this ceremony, and today many people do not do this. There are many abuses throughout Indian Country today with this medicine, and I am thankful I have been able to observe and witness the original way and understanding that our Cheyenne and Arapaho people still yet possess within this ceremony, and I hope our understanding continues on into the future, that our children and our grandchildren can come around this ceremony the same way our forefathers have. It is getting harder and harder to obtain medicine for ceremonial use, and it is my hope also that by writing a little about this that the understandings of our church, our ceremony can be better understood in a better light by our tribal people.

Special thanks to the many wonderful people that contributed their time and experiences into writing this article. Special thanks to the Cardenas family, the Native American Church officers of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, Wilbur Goodblanket, Charlie Haag, Junior Naranjo, Horace Kaulaity, Jasper Gomez, and the many others whose voices went into this article. I also apologize if anything is not correct, or if someone's name was left out by accident. Thank you.

CALENDAR of Events

Cheyenne Ledger Art from Fort Reno
March 1-22, 2009 at the Gilcrease Museum of Art in Tulsa, Okla**.**

Kamia Black 12th Birthday Dance
March 7, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center. Supper at 4:30 p.m. and dance to follow. Will have contests for junior boys and girls all around, lu lu and prettiest shawl.

Western Heights Indian Education Powwow
March 7, 2009 at Western Heights Public School, Oklahoma City. For information call (405) 350-3428.

J.O.M. Meeting
March 10, 2009 at the Thomas Indian Education Building in Thomas, Okla. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information call Teresa Rice at (580) 302-2386.

Betty Hart Memorial Dance
Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Concho Community Hall. Memorial paint ceremony will be in Thomas, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. dance at 6 p.m.

GoodWarrior Decendents Family Reunion
At 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009 in the Kingfisher Women's Building – Kingfisher Fairgrounds Potluck Dinner. Contact Information: Christine Morton (405) 422-7545, cm_arapaho@hotmail.com or Beverly Brown (405) 227-7462.

Hubert Tsotigh Memorial Contest Powwow
March 14, 2009 at the Grady County Fairgrounds in Chickasha Okla. For more information including Vendors, please contact Terry Tsotigh (405) 412-2454 or email terry_straightdancer@yahoo.com.

Memorial Dance for Calvin Saumty Sr
March 14, 2009 at the Red Buffalo Hall in Carnegie, Okla. Honored clubs are the Kiowa Gourd Clan, Native American Marine Corps. Veterans, Kiowa War Mothers, Comanche Little Ponies, and Carnegie Victory Club. For more information please contact Deidra Saumty (405) 250-5462.

Second annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference
March 19 and 20, 2009 in Denver, Colo. For more information, contact Quinton Roman Nose at (405) 422-7562.

Third annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Health Education and Community Health Representative (CHR) programs' are hosting a health fair and powwow Friday, March 20, 2009 at the Concho Community Center. Registration from noon to 1 p.m., grand entry at 1 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m., presentations at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Health Education office at (405) 422-7676 or 422-7674 or the CHR Program at (405) 422-7670 or 422-7672.

Indian Youth and Family Summit
March 25, 2009 at the University of Oklahoma. Contact Susan Arkeketa at sarkeketa@cs.com for more information.

The 2009 Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Indian
March 27, 2009 at the Destiny Christian Center in Del City, Okla. Competition and performance sponsored by Changing Winds Cultural Society and reception sponsored by the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh (405) 632-5227 or email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Arapaho Chief Alonzo Sankey Memorial Dance
April 11, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information, contact (580) 886-2984 or Angie at (405) 313-3567.

Special Blood Drive
May 13, 2009 at the Community Building in Concho, Okla. Donate blood to twins Presley Faith and Kylee Hope Stewart. For more information or to donate a door prize, contact Irene Deer at (405) 740-1492.

MARCH 2009
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1
Adult Basketball League Tournament
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activity Center - Clinton, Oklahoma

MONDAY, MARCH 2
Adult Bowling League
Sunset Lanes - El Reno, Oklahoma

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council Activity
Concho Community Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Annual Spring Fling
Roman Nose State park

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
High School Basketball Sign-Ups
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activity Center - Clinton, Oklahoma

MARCH 19-20
Cheyenne & Arapaho Studies Conference
Denver, Colorado

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
Youth Handgame Tournament
Concho Community Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE R.E.SP.E.C.T. OFFICE AT 1-800-247-4612 EXT. 27570.

Indian Records
Incorporated
RR1 Box 15
Fay, Oklahoma 73646
(580) 887-3316

NEW CD RELEASE
32 PEYOTE SONGS
ON DIGITAL SOUND!

"You want the best and we have it!
Let us hear from you!"

Email us: indianrecords@pldi.net or visit
our website: www.indianrecordsinc.com

Anger Management Class
Date: April 13, 2009
Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Department of Education
CATI
1621 D East Hwy 66
El Reno

Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Health Education Program
Patricia Yarholar, MPH-CHES @ 405.422.7676 for information

Attendees must attend entire class of 3 hours to receive a Certificate of Attendance. No Exceptions!

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

"SECOND WIND"
Smoking Cessation Classes

For successful results all 5 classes require attendance.
Classes will be held at the CATI Center
Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

March 4, 2009
March 11, 2009
March 25, 2009
April 1, 2009
April 6, 2009

For Information:
C-A Health Education
Patricia Yarholar, MPH, CHES
Contact Info: 405.422.7676/7674

REMINDER:

The CATI Training Center is open for C&A members and employees to self prepare and file income taxes online.

CATI Training Center
1621B E Highway 66, El Reno, OK 73036
Candían Square Shopping Center
(405) 262-1906, (405) 422-7638
cbaker@c-a-tribes.org

Assistance with Indian children students with disabilities

"Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future." Wilma P. Mankiller; Cherokee.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education is aware that some Indian children with disabilities may not be receiving the services needed for accommodation to obtain a proper education in the public schools.

Parents have the authority to invite a representative to the Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting between the school, child and the parent each year. We have skilled Vocational Rehabilitation counselors and education staff available to ensure that each plan adopted meets the requirements necessary to accommodate each individual child's education needs.

Parents that need assistance can contact (800) 247-4612 extension 27568. Please ask for Quinton Romannose or James Archer; or contact Bryan Sykes at (888) 284-7725.

COME PLAY WITH THE WINNERS!
FEATHER WARRIOR
Casino
An Enterprise of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

CANTON
301 N. W. Lake Road
Canton, OK 73724
(580)886-2490
145 Games including
VGT, AGS, IGT, Multimedia
Mon-Thur 11 a.m.- 2a.m.
Fri-Sun 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

WARRIOR Deli & Grill

WATONGA
1407 S. Clarence Nash
Watonga, OK 73772
(580)623-7333
175 Games
VGT, AGS, IGT, Multimedia
and AC Coin games.
Mon-Thur 11 a.m.-2 a.m.
Fri-Sun 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

Must be 18 or older. Responsible Gaming Is Our Game. For help, please call the Problem Gambling Helpline 1-800-522-4700.
©2008 Feather Warrior Casino

President recommends $12 billion for Interior

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – President Barack Obama's 2010 budget includes $12 billion for the Department of the Interior to undertake initiatives to promote energy security with a focus on clean renewable sources and strategies to address climate change, protect and preserve America's national parks and public lands, strengthen Native American communities, enhance outdoor opportunities for young people, and conserve wetlands and wildlife habitat.

"President Obama has laid out a fiscally responsible blueprint for 2010," Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said. "He has made tough choices, underscored his priorities and stressed the need for federal agencies to carry out their missions with transparency and accountability to the American taxpayer."

Highlights of the proposed funding for Interior include the following:

Invests more than $50 million to promote renewable energy projects on Federal lands and waters.

Assists state and federal land management agencies with more than $130 million in additional funding to monitor, adaptively manage and assess the impacts of climate change on the Nation's lands, fish and wildlife.

Protects national parks with $100 million in additional funds to operate and maintain park facilities and resources and $25 million to leverage private donations for park projects.

Conserves new federal and state lands and protects endangered species with appropriations of about $420 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Interior and the U.S. Forest Service, with annual increases to reach full funding of $900 million by 2014.

Creates educational and job opportunities for young people through expanded environmental education activities and new programs to encourage them to hunt and fish responsibly.

Strengthens Native American communities through an increase of more than $100 million for enhanced law enforcement and education.

Anticipates future costs for catastrophic wildfires with a new contingent funding reserve of $75 million for the Department of the Interior.

Encourages responsible development of oil and gas resources and closes loopholes that have given oil companies excessive royalty relief for offshore leases.

More information on the president's FY2010 budget for the Department of the Interior is online at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/

Museums join forces to market Western/Native American art

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Oklahoma City will be the center of Western and Native American art this summer when the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma History Center and the Fred Jones Jr Museum of Art showcase America's most outstanding Native American and Western artists through museum exhibitions and annual events.

The four area museums plan to join forces with the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau to promote Native American and Western art to the traveling public.

Oklahoma tourism officials have long promoted western and Native American themes to attract tourists to the state, and the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau draws upon Oklahoma City's unique western and Native American culture when bidding for conventions.

The attractions plan to issue joint press releases, participate in coop advertising, host travel writers and make joint media appearances in their efforts to increase awareness of events in summer 2009.

The award-winning Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival will draw thousands to the state when the 23rd annual Indian art market and dance competition runs June 5-7 in downtown Oklahoma City's Cox Convention Center.

Red Earth expects more than 1,200 American Indian artists and dancers from throughout North America as they gather to celebrate and share the richness and diversity of their heritage with the world.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum opens the prestigious Prix de West® Invitational Art Exhibition, Sale and Seminars, June 12-13, with more than 300 Western paintings and sculptures by contemporary Western artists.

The annual event opens with art seminars and demonstrations, receptions, a sale and awards banquet.

The Prix de West® Invitational Art Exhibition continues at the nationally-acclaimed museum through Sept 7.

At the Oklahoma History Center the art of Allan Houser and his sons Phillip and Bob Haozous celebrates cultural survival and expression through generations of one Apache family in the exhibition Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family.

Houser became one of the most recognizable artists of his time, and the Oklahoma History Center exhibition, which continues through July 31, tells the story of the Houser family members' journeys to become artists while recognizing the family and cultural impact on their creative expression.

The exhibition includes more than 80 original pieces of sculpture, art and artifacts. The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma in Norman opens Spirit Red: Visions of Native American Artists from the Rennard Strickland Collection during a reception from 7 to 9 pm on June 3.

The exhibition will continue at the museum on the campus of the University of Oklahoma through Sept. 13. In 2007 Strickland announced he would donate his collection of more than 200 works of contemporary and traditional Native American art to the museum.

The collection includes paintings, baskets, pottery, textiles and sculpture, representing some of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century.

The four entities will work closely with the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau to promote their events to area residents and potential visitors.

The group will concentrate their efforts in Oklahoma and the surrounding states.

Film

Continued from page 3

"How would you feel if someone wanted to wipe out your family?"stormed Southern Cheyenne Chief Laird Cometsevah, while telling a story about his great grandfather, a Sand Creek survivor, during his testimony.

The testimonials do provoke a sincere sense of honor to respect these Sand Creek stories and the surviving descendants with the utmost reverence. They reveal how the massacre at Sand Creek has effected and will continuously influence their lives and the lives of future generations. These stories simply need to be shared and there is an audience who wants to hear them. They are a precious part of our collective educational and cultural points-of-view about the human experience in America's past and present.

Courtesy photos

Filmmaker, writer, and producer Donald L. Vasicek at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

Jessica Osenbrügge, an American citizen that resides in Berlin, Germany has recently joined the effort for "Ghosts of Sand Creek" on a volunteer basis to advocate for the film and the surrounding information that will be presented regarding the general topic of treaty rights.

Her initial focus has been to outreach to organizations, institutes, museums, and universities in Germany that have an interest in indigenous native people of the United States and/or "Amerikana" issues, because Osenbrügge had heard that there were many German individuals interested in these issues.

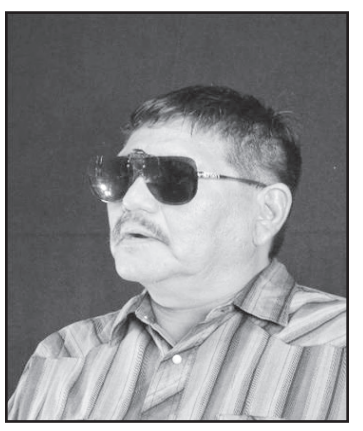
However, she has uncovered a "romance" that German people have with native peoples, which has perpetuated a lot of clichés and stereotypes, and in part, as a result of the literary works of 19th Century author Karl May.

May is a revered and heroic persona for Germans just as Paul Bunyan is for many of the American people. May's prolific adventure stories, and the subsequent films, are sweeping epic tales about America's Wild West and features leading characters, Old Shatterhand and Winnetou. They continue to inspire the minds of young and old alike throughout Germany and Europe.

The problem is that when May wrote his stories, it is reported that he had never even been to America nor had met a Native American person. Then, history happened. After World War II, East Germany and Eastern Europe was sequestered off from the West behind the Iron Curtain.

Although a westernized viewpoint can always attempt to describe the conditions under Soviet rule as oppressive, one thing is clear: it was quite difficult for information from the West to get in. Since the fall of the Iron Curtain nearly 20 years ago information from the west, of course, is available. However, old traditions and stereotypes persist.

Osenbrügge endeavors to engage the German public in deconstructing the clichés and romantic notions they may hold about Native American people and to research and examine that Native American people are real peoples, cultures, histories, and stories and have contemporary problems, heartache, laughter, and lives today as everyone else does. While advocating on behalf of the film project, "Ghosts of Sand Creek," Osenbrügge continues to initiate conversation with German individuals and organizations to procure the support that is needed to realize the film's completion.



Joe "Holy Bird" Big Medicine, Jr. and Eugene Blackbear, Sr. were interviewed for the 22-minute documentary short "The Sand Creek Massacre," which is intended to be in the film project, "Ghosts of Sand Creek."

Eugene Blackbear, Sr. played the role of Chief Black Kettle in the film "The Last of the Dogmen" starring Tom Berenger and Barbara Hershey. The photo was taken on July 30, 2004 in Clinton, Okla.

Olympus Films+, LLC also needs your support. We are all aware that the economy looks real bleak in a time when a dramatic change in guard has come to the White House. However, Olympus Films+, LLC is in an unfortunate position like so many other educational and cultural organizations with a need to raise further funding initiatives. Vasicek continues to seek any contributions you and/or your organization can give. Any amount is considered generous and is graciously appreciated.

It is the sincere intent that "Ghosts of Sand Creek" will contribute an invaluable art narrative and historical record from a much-needed Cheyenne and Arapaho perspective to not only bring living and breathing Native American Indian culture to life, but also to promulgate an effective resolution of the 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas.

You can discover additional detailed information about, "Ghosts of Sand Creek" and writer/director/producer, Vasicek at www.sandcreekmassacre.net/ or call at (303) 903-2103.

For donations to "Ghosts of Sand Creek," please contact the American Indian Genocide Museum, 11013 Fuqua, PMB # 178, Houston , Texas 77089-2510 or at http://www.aigenom.com/, Phone: (281) 841-3028, Email: Indmuseum@yahoo.com.

Cheyenne, Arapaho television station update:

Submitted article

The map accompanying this report is the Longly-Rice Engineering Propagation Model along with related population data for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes television station.

It is recommended a medium-size transmitter with up to 1,500 Watts total output power (Effective Radiated Power from the same would be 15,000 Watts).

With the existing Concho tower height and antenna chosen, the pattern on the map would result. Everything in color can be easily received by an outdoor UHF antenna.

It will also work with many indoor antennas. We will integrate this into a preliminary cost study and will discuss it with you.

The preliminary review of the facilities necessary for various coverage are based upon population count due to ERP from the same tower location. Here are the basic results when comparing ERP and population count.

These are done on the basis of no co-channel or adjacent channel interference and channel XX was used as a reference. The population count used a 41 dBu signal and the 2000 census base.

The height of the antenna is projected to be 360 feet or about 110 meters above ground level.

ERP	Population	Count
2.5	kW	927k
5.0	kW	980k
10	kW	1.05M
15	kW	1.08M
20	kW	1.10M
30	kW	1.12M
40	kW	.13M

We anticipate using the AL-8 and that you wanted to use digital LPTV class of license.

In this case, it looks like somewhere around 10-15 kW would be the max recommended. When looking at the location (Coverage map attached at 15 kW), every time the ERP is doubled the pop count goes up about 50,000 or more.

That begins to drop off when the 15 kW limit is reached. Assuming an AL-8 is used, and 400 feet of 3 1/8" transmission line, with an ERP of 15kW, a TPO of 1.5 kW would be needed.

If all that was available was a 1 kW TPO xmtr, then the ERP would still be about ~10 kW so that would reflect back to the 1.05 population count number.

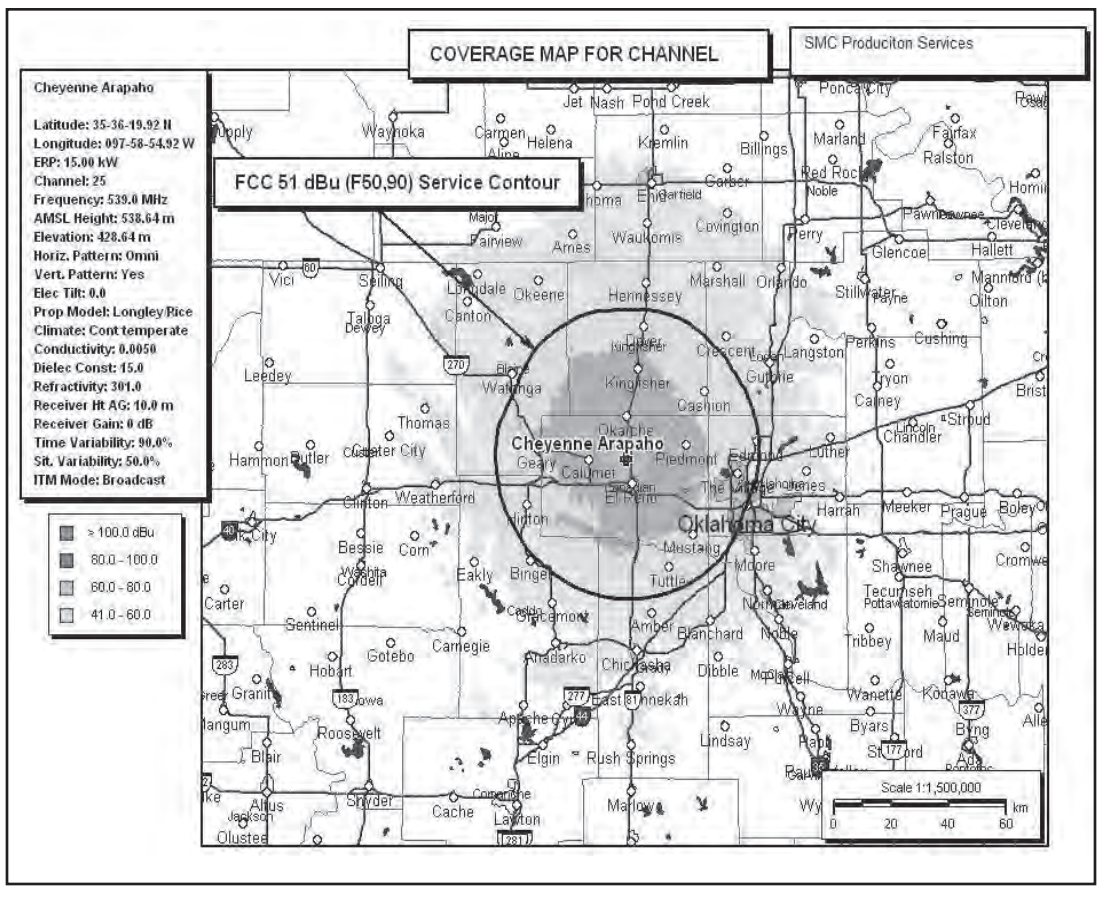
The studio facilities are fully HD 1080i Broadcast capable and are more than adequate to accommodate the broadcast needs of the C&A television station.

The studio and capabilities are fully qualified for Public Television Financing Grants that will allow the station to qualify.

The broadcast study for the second tower in Cheyenne, Okla. is underway.

This will bring the coverage in to broadcast to broadcast east from Cheyenne, Okla. and reach those areas that are not covered by the Concho tower. A microwave signal will be sent from the C&A Department of Education Media Studio to the Concho tower.

A microwave receiver in Weatherford will relay the signal on by using the microwave signal to the Cheyenne, Okla. tower and broadcasting in the far western part of northwestern Oklahoma.



American Indian Leadership Program prepares principals

(UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.) - Penn State's College of Education has received funding in excess of $960,000 to offer new graduate fellowships to American Indian and Alaska Native students who are interested in becoming school principals.

The initiative, titled Principals for Student Success (PSS), allows participants to earn a master's degree in Educational Leadership with principalship certification.

The primary purpose is to prepare American Indian and Alaska Natives, over a four-year period, to be effective school principals in schools that serve significant numbers of Indian students.

Participants will be recruited nationally. Fellows will spend two years on Penn State's University Park campus to complete degree and certification requirements, followed by a year of induction services in the field.

The fellowships are affiliated with Penn State's nationally recognized American Indian Leadership Program (AILP), under the direction of John Tippeconnic, professor of educational leadership.

Susan Faircloth, assistant professor of educational leadership, will serve as co-director of the project.

The AILP will collaborate with Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kan., in the recruitment, induction, and placement of the fellows. Leadership development is a constant focus of the program.

In addition to taking course work, fellows will attend seminars and participate in internships that prepare them to be highly effective school principals. Induction activities during the fourth year are designed to give the fellows a successful transition from the Penn State academic program to principalship roles.

The fellowship program is funded by the Office of Indian Education, an office of the U.S. Department of Education. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2009 semester.

The fellowships include a monthly stipend as well as allowances for dependency support, tuition, textbooks, relocation, and health insurance.

For more information, contact Dr. John Tippeconnic, American Indian Leadership Program, Suite 300 Rackley Building, University Park, Pa. 16802, phone (814) 863-1626; e-mail jwt7@psu.edu or Dr. Susan Faircloth at (814) 863-3775; e-mail scf2@psu.edu.

Coming Soon

Submitted by the Culture and Heritage Program

In an effort to preserve the tribal songs, and in appreciation from where we come from, the Culture and Heritage program collaborated with the C&A Media Production Studio; recording social songs, gospel hymns, and Native American Church - peyote songs.

Tribal member response was equally appreciative. Hundreds of tribal members called, and visited the program to receive their free copies of the available CDs. These recording were peyote, gospel and handgame.

The media team is currently replicating recordings from Sept. 27, 2008. This recording is social – powwow songs. Duplicates will be available to tribal members very soon.

The Culture and Heritage program would like to thank participants from all recording sessions for their selfless contribution, in getting these songs recorded. The CDs will be learning tools for the youth and tribal members for years to come.

To learn more please contact the Culture and Heritage program offices at (800) 247-4612 extension 27727.

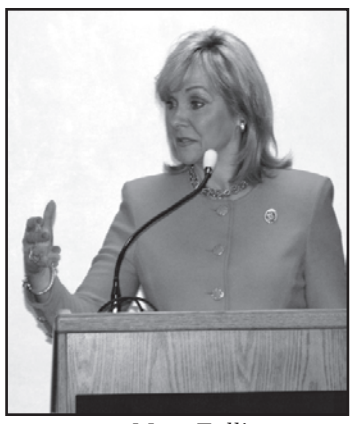
advocate

Continued from page 4

ees about key issues affecting females and families in Oklahoma.

"Our job is to make sure the opportunities are the same," he said. "That they (females) not face glass ceilings."

Edmondson said he once gave a civil rights speech in the hopes that his daughter would have the same rights and opportunities as men, and now he makes the same speech so his newly born granddaughters will be afforded those rights and opportunities. He spoke of health, security and education issues.



Mary Fallin

"If we can improve the education of our kids … (we) can have a long range impact on the prison population," Edmondson said. "The earlier you spend money in the process, the more cost effective it is."

Fallin voiced similar concerns, "I love being No. 1 in football, but I detest being No. 1 in incarcerated women."

Edmondson advocates for an effective juvenile justice center and would like to have counselors available to help troubled children. He also said it is unacceptable to be ranked fourth in the nation for women murdered by their partners. He said 14 percent of those females are under the age of 18.

"I hate domestic violence and sexual assault," Fallin said. "These aren't democrat or republican issues. Together we can stand, we can become educated, we can become involved … we're great people … we just need to activate and mobilize."

YWCA representatives handed out flyers stating, "A woman is sexually assaulted every two minutes in Oklahoma." In order to bring more awareness to this crime, the YWCA will host its first two-minute 5K walk/race on March 28, 2009 at the Lake Hefner Stars and Stripes pavilion in Oklahoma City. April is sexual assault awareness month, and the YWCA's organization theme is "eliminating racism, empowering women."

Edmondson said people should start thinking "generationally." "I commend you for starting this coalition. If there's going to be real change it's going to be with people like you," he said.

Sens. Coffee and Laster and Reps. Benge and Morgan answered questions concerning hot topics for women and girls being discussed in the 2009 legislative session. Winchester along with Oklahoma Nurses Association Executive Director Jane Nelson gave participants a crash course on advocacy and reaching out to House and Senate members.

"You personally can make a difference. You're here as a catalyst of change for Oklahoma," Fallin said. "We can make things happen if we just open up our eyes to possibilities. There's a reason we're all here. There's so many ways all of us can be involved. I'm here today to challenge you to get involved."

For more information on the Oklahoma Women's Coalition visit www.oklahomawomenscoalition.org.

Rhoads

Continued from page 2

55 from the Indian Health Service in Oklahoma City after 35 years of service in administration. Rhoads also worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and for his tribe in Clinton at the elderly nutrition center.

"He enjoyed working because he got to speak his language and he supported the language classes," Whitecloud said.

Whitecloud said her father was a Cheyenne headsman, spoke Cheyenne fluently, and was both a fancy and gourd dancer.

Once the headstone was set, Wilson recited a veterans' poem and said he had the pleasure of knowing Rhoads and enjoyed his company.

"We're just trying to make it right with our veterans," Wilson said of the headstone project.

Photo by Dana Attocknie

Marvin Wilson recites a poem for Arleigh Rhoads.

The Planning Office would like to thank tribal members who participated in the Community Profile Survey

Please come by the Planning Office to pick up your incentive for your participation

The University of Oklahoma Poll conducted the survey from Dec. 13, 2008 to Jan. 21, 2009. A total of 570 individuals completed the survey. The report will be available for the Tribes in March 2009.

Verification of your participation is the telephone numbers called and the surveyors' notations that the survey was completed. If you were called but chose not to take the survey, you are ineligible for the free gift.

Again, thank you for your participation.

Questions about the survey may be addressed to Margaret Anquoe, Lynnette Gray, Kim Goodbear or Julia Svitak from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Planning office: (405) 422-7620.

"A CELEBRATION OF LIFE"

3rd Annual National HIVAIDS Awareness Day, Health Fair & Powwow

Concho Community Center
200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, OK
March 20, 2009
Registration 12:00 to1:00pm
Grand Entry 1:00 pm
Supper 5:30 pm
Speakers Presentations 7:00 pm
Award of Winners immediately following

Head Staff
MC - Cortney Yarholar
Color Guard - Riverside Indian School
HS - Richard Deer
Northern Drum - Black Birds
AD - Randy Frazier
HMD - Willy Boy St. Cyr
HLD - Brittany Yarholar

Contest Categories:
Straight Dance Fancy Dance Traditional Dance
Fancy Shawl/Jingle Buckskin/Cloth
Two Step Contest
Tiny Tots

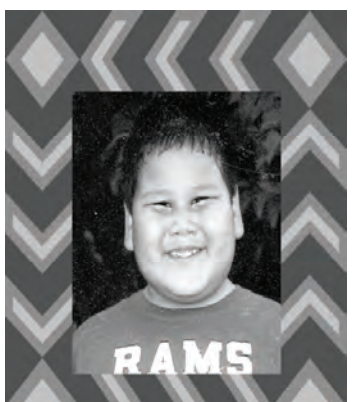
Contact Information C&A Tribal Health Education 405.422.7676/7674
CHR Program 405.422.7670/7672

AAIP.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

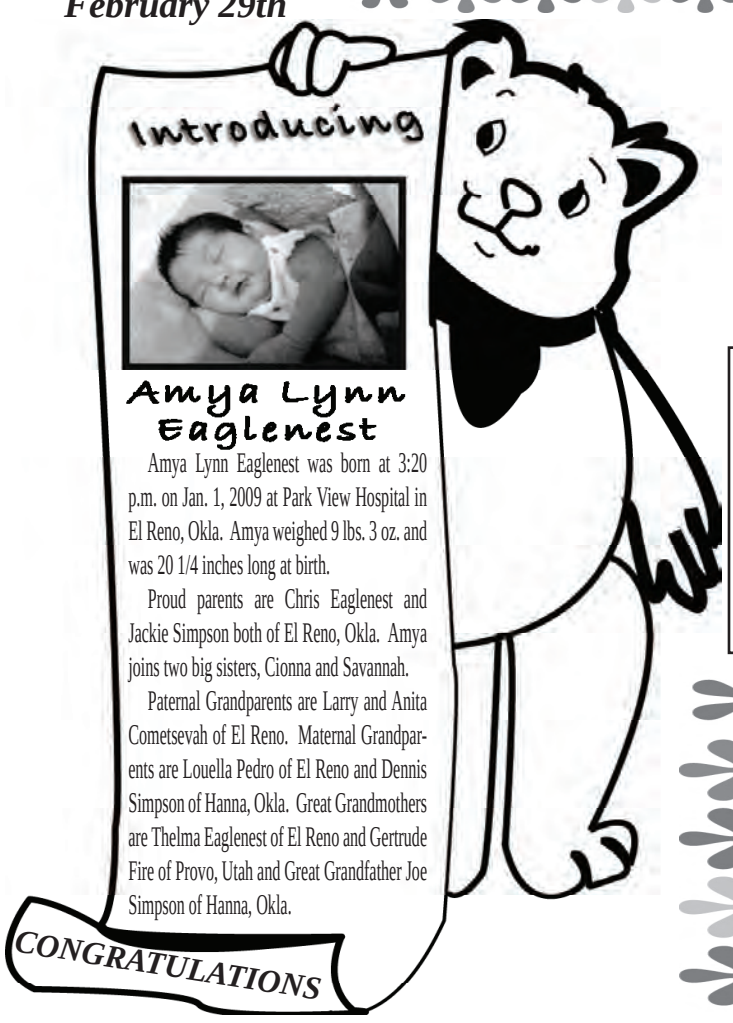
Happy Belated Birthday
Aaron Reyes
Feb. 5th
Love, Mom, Grandma & Sierra

Happy Birthday Bettwa!
March 5th
May "Our Dear Heavenly Father" be with you on this day and in all that you do. Hope you have a good one this year and many more to come!
Love always, your little Sister Smin



Happy 7th Birthday "Lil"
Good Warrior Deer
March 4th
Love your family
May you Be Blessed with Many Many More!!

Happy Anniversary Mack
I Love You!!
February 29th



Amya Lynn Eaglenest

Amya Lynn Eaglenest was born at 3:20 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2009 at Park View Hospital in El Reno, Okla. Amya weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long at birth.

Proud parents are Chris Eaglenest and Jackie Simpson both of El Reno, Okla. Amya joins two big sisters, Cionna and Savannah.

Paternal Grandparents are Larry and Anita Cometsevah of El Reno. Maternal Grandparents are Louella Pedro of El Reno and Dennis Simpson of Hanna, Okla. Great Grandmothers are Thelma Eaglenest of El Reno and Gertrude Fire of Provo, Utah and Great Grandfather Joe Simpson of Hanna, Okla.

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday
A.C. Blackwolf
I love you so much. You are the best brother In the world and you are the best uncle there is.
Love your sissy, Lorrie And nephew Kenny.
We Love You!

HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY NOXUXOU
Beexoo3e3en neiwoo see3tei noh blackie

Happy Birthday to our Clinton Head Start teacher, Heather! From all your friends and students at Head Start!

Happy Birthday
Barry Whiteman
Feb. 23rd and
Michael Sulphur
March 11th

Happy belated birthday grandma
February 10th
Love always
Cheryl, Gabriel, basil, Georgia, Jacob, Jonah, Marley, & Illianna breez

Happy Birthday Amanda Rose "Pooh" Blackbear May Maheo be with you and watch over you in all that you do. The sky is the limit, so reach for the stars. Eat some fry bread for your Auntie ☺
Take Care and Much Love
Auntie Smin
February 14th
Valentine Girl

Happy Belated 8th Birthday
Decheiya Pearl Littlesun
February 27, 2009
Love Mom, Grandma, Grandpa
Kayden and Aunties in OKC!

"Still a Rockstar at 30!! Happy Birthday Kendricks Sleeper!"
We Love You,
Shirleen, Justice, Kaylianne, D'Angelo, Sophia & Baby-sis

March 4th, 1985 Happy, Happy Birthday Sara Whiteshield!! Here's wishing you a fun and safe 24th birthday! Be good! We love you so much! XOXO, Mom, Dad, Lauren, Tiffani, Grandma Lou, Uncle Ed, George. We love you Momma Sara! Gertie-Sara, Nellie-Jean, Truman, MaKayla, Alec, & Evan!!

Happy Lucky 7th Birthday
Angela Sioux Bissonette
Love Grandma Edith & Grandpa Wayne,
Mama Vina, brothers, Trez, Chez and Dez and Little sister Danell & Mama Nell

HAPPY 53RD BIRTHDAY DON!
Biixoo3e3en see3tei noxuxou noh blackie

Happy 6th Birthday
Jeremy J. Chiefly II
March 15th
From your loving family in Shawnee, Okla.
Dad, G-ma, Aunts & Uncles

Happy 60th Birthday Tom!
Biixoo3e3en see3tei, noxuxou noh blackie

We want to wish our awesome Auntie a Happy Birthday on March 16th! Thank you for everything that you do for us.
We love you lots!!
Your #1 Fans: Chelle, Chebon, Evan, Baby Will, Carter & Eryn

Happy Birthday Arianna from all your friends at Clinton Head Start!

Happy 10th Birthday to our TWINS ☺
Emily & Morgan Hawk,
Love your dad Randy, sis Sheridan, Grandma Pat and the rest of the family.
We Love You!

Happy Birthday Linda
From all your friends at Clinton Head Start!

Happy 4th Birthday
Stacey White Plume
(Red Fox) Little Bird
We love you with our hearts!
Grandma, Grandpa, Momma, Auntie, Uncle and Shonda

Happy Birthday to
Keeley Black - March 3
Happy Birthday to
Kamia Black - March 6
Happy Birthday to
Kahlea Black - March 10
Happy Birthday to
Hully Sulphur - March 11
Happy Birthday to
"Moon" Thunderbull - March 29
From Mom, grandma and grandpa - Carolyn and Marvin
WITH LOTS OF LOVE

To The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elders may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make HIS face shine upon you and begracious to you, and may the Lord turn HIS face towards you and give you peace.
From the Seiling-Fonda Community

Happy 32nd Birthday
Garland Blackwolf Jr.
March 5th
Love your family in Shawnee, Oklahoma
Auntie Lisa & Uncle Otis

Happy 4th Birthday
Lynette Rose Brown
March 10th
I would like to wish my only granddaughter a very happy birthday. I wouldn't know how to live if I couldn't see your precious smile and beautiful face. You are more dear to me than life itself.
Love Grandma Lisa Blackwolf

February 22nd, 1978
Happy Birthday George Whiteshield! You're getting up there! We are so proud to have you as our Son, Grandson, Brother, and Uncle!
Many Hugs and Kisses from Mom, Grandma Lou, Uncle Ed, Sara, Lauren, Tiffani, Gertie-Sara, Nellie-Jean, Truman, MaKayla, Alec & Evan!!

In Loving Memory of
Ural Lee Richey, Sr.
If tears could build a stairway
and memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to heaven
and bring you home again.
Happy Birthday
February 26, 1945
We love and miss you every day,
Lou, Marcus and Marissa

Kathryn Hoffman, would like to wish her Children & Grand-Children & Great Grand-Children A Happy Birthday & to say she loves them.

Archie D. Hoffman	February 2nd
Patricia Snyder Hernandez	February 2nd
Ida E. Hoffman	February 3rd
Amelia Arlene Beaver	February 7th
Amos M. Beaver III	February 9th
Laura Ann Beaver	February 23rd
Thelma Kaye Hoffman Kauahquo	February 24th

Happy Belated Valentine's Day to Baby Rie from No-No. We've been through our ups and downs, had on smiles and frowns, but through all the trials and tribulations I am glad we are still together. I love you Boo-Buh and I am glad you are in my life.
Love always, your No-No.

Happy Birthday
Nina Bruesch - March 4,
Phelan Bruesch - March 5,
Yolanda Valenzuela - March 10
Melvin Whiteman - March 24,
Anselmo "Memo" Valenzuela - March 25.
Happy late Birthday Brandon Benton 1-9-09
From,
Your Whiteman family

February 19th, Happy Birthday Grandma Lou Whiteshield!! You are the backbone to our family, we love you so much! Infinite X's and O's, Your daughter and son: Wannie & Edward, Grandkids: George, Sara Lou, Lauren, Tiffani, Benji, Robert, Eddie, Freddie, & Dawn, Great-Grandkids: Truman, MaKayla, Gertie-Sara, Nellie-Jean, Alec, & Evan!

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to:Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: awhite@c-a-tribes.org

Water Treatment Operator Water Treatment Plant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum requirements include knowledge of principles and practices of water/wastewater treatment plant operations and operating principles of valves, pumps, and motors. Must know principles and method of bacteriological and chemical sewage analysis, effects and problems of supervision and training and possess safe work practices. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license with a driving good record. Oklahoma State Water Treatment License "C", Oklahoma State Waste Water License "D", or Oklahoma State Lab Technician License "C". Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Public Information Office Ad Sales/Reporter

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in advertising. media graphics or journalism preferred, or high school diploma/GED with some college hours required or an ability to sell and design advertisements. Must have bookkeeping, graphic design, writing and photography abilities. Have ability to learn computer software programs, meet deadlines, and have a strong ability to interact with people in a friendly, professional and intelligent manner. Have familiarity with the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area and culture, and have a current Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Records Management Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in library science or related field preferred or minimum of four years in an administrative role or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Must have relevant work experience in tribal government and/or federal programs. Computer literate with knowledge of inventory program. Valid driver's license required. Agree to a comprehensive background investigation. Be familiar with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Laws. Knowledge of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes history, culture and government. Must pass a pre-hire drug and alcohol screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Telephone Intake Clerk Elder Care

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or equivalent. Must have demonstrated knowledge and skills related to general office procedures, office equipment, office software, and filing procedures. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality. Must have valid driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

PT Fitness Assistant Clinton

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be at least 18 years of age with High School Diploma or GED. Must have driver's license, own vehicle, and proof of insurance. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho culture and values preferred. Must be willing to obtain CPR and First Responder Certification. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Reporter /Administrative Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma/GED with some college hours in journalism/public relations or ability to demonstrate writing skills and learn computer software programs. Bachelor's degree in journalism or Public relations preferred. Bookkeeping abilities. Must be organized. Able to work on deadline Have strong ability to interact with people in a friendly, positive, and professional manner. Must have current Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Maintenance Worker Operations & Maintenance

QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of high school or GED required. One-year experience in maintenance or construction work desirable. Must know methods, materials, and equipment used in maintenance work, must have safe work habits and be physically fit with the ability to lift up to 100 lbs. Must be able to work independently in the absence of supervision. Must pass drug and alcohol testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

Internal Auditor Gaming Commission

QUALIFICATIONS:

Four-year degree in accounting, business or related discipline or work experience equivalent in auditing of gaming facilities. Prefer CPA, CIA or CFE licensure. Knowledge of accounting and auditing principles/standards and familiarity with various computer systems and applications. Knowledge of financial, technological systems and operations. Skilled in preparing concise reports, interpreting and applying regulations. Must possess strong skills in applying complete fact finding, analytical and problem solving methods and techniques. Ability to work any shift and/or days necessary to assist personnel. Time management skills. Ability to develop and maintain a team environment and to manage multiple priorities. Ability to organize work assignments and maintain work files and work under deadlines. Willingness to attend trainings. Must maintain a valid Oklahoma driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug test and subject to random testing throughout employment. Must maintain gaming license throughout employment in this position. Have reliable transportation. Ensure Confidentiality. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Thank you

A **BIG** thank you to the Clinton Lucky Star Casino and deli manager, Don Nowlin, for the donation!

From the grateful CSUE Youth Powwow,
you are awesome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Seiling Native Students High School Basketball Players

#42 Joselyn Tapaha-Granddaughter of Leda Joyce Walkingnight

#35 Maci Henshaw-Daughter of Dale and Sandra (Black) Henshaw, granddaughter of Reta Black

#20 Jericho (CoCo) Shields-Son of Bert & Leona (Whiteshield) Billy

District Regional Winners!!

From the Seiling-Fonda Holiday Committee

Thank You!

Mardi Gras Celebration

Elders Day out in Seiling American was truly a blessed day! Thank you to ALL the programs and individuals who took their time, effort and love to make this event possible! Thank you to all the elders from the different communities who came together and enjoyed this day. May God prosper and keep each one well! We are many elders with ONE EAR!

Continue to pray for our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Seiling-Fonda Elders

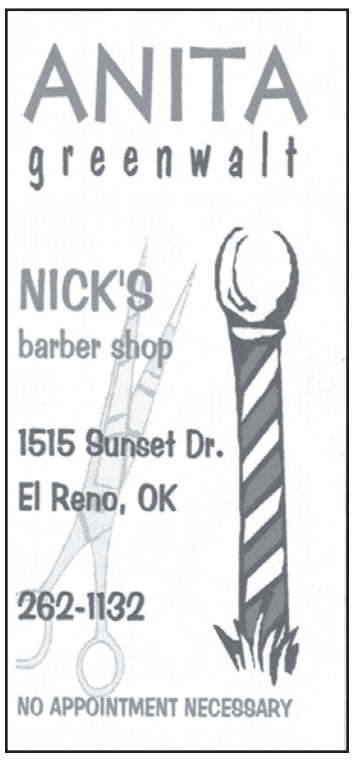
CD's, DVD duplication

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes Department of Education Media Production Studio now offers the services of duplication of CD's, DVD's with full color printing on each disc.

This is a great opportunity for tribal departments to save money on duplication costs and also allows tribal members the opportunity to have their CD's or DVD's duplicated and same money also.

The studio also can transfer your VHS home videos to DVD.

For more information about this service, contact Billy-Talako Williamson at (405) 422-7568 or bwilliamson@c-a-tribes.org



Geary Community Nursing Home

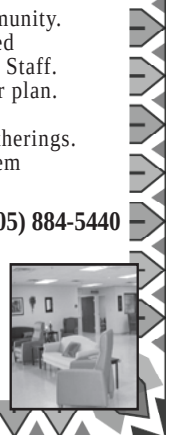
An Enterprise of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

•Bringing Back the Best in Caring To Our Community.
•Compassionate High Quality Care Provided
7 days a week-24 hours a day by our Qualified Staff.
•Newly renovated building offers a 67-bed floor plan.
•Private and Semi-Private Rooms
•Spacious Family Room for Parties or Family Gatherings.
•New state of the art Fire Suppression System
•Security-Locked and Alarmed Doors

Accepting Applications for Residents-Call us at (405) 884-5440

We will gladly answer any questions you have, give you a tour of our facility and assist in any way possible.

Geary Community Nursing Home meets or exceeds all state and federal regulations for nursing homes.



Congratulations
Kaylee Bish
for being selected
Anadarko High School
Student of the Month!
From her family.

Straight begins Air Force career

Submitted article

Gayla C. Straight has joined the United States Air Force under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to enlist and delay going back into basic military training for up to one year.

Qualified men and women are eligible to receive skill training, experience and up to $20,000 in education benefits.

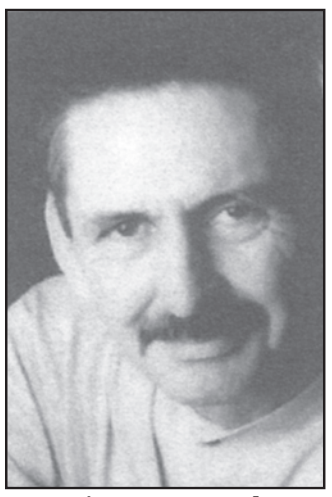
After completing basic military training airmen receive specialized technical training in one or more fields.

Gayla is a 2006 gradate of Shawnee High School and reported to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas in December 2008.

She is the daughter of Lela and Lester Straight of Shawnee and has three sisters and four brothers. Gayla turned 20 years old. on Jan. 20 and was born in Ada, Okla.

Courtesy photo
Gayla C. Straight

In Loving Memory



Kim Lamar Holt
April 25, 1956-Jan. 22, 2009

Kim Lamar Holt was born April 25, 1956 in Okarche, Okla. His parents were Alfred Whiteman, Jr. and the former Billye Ellison. After his parents divorced, he was adopted by Lester and Lucille Holt who later adopted another son, Keith.

Kim was an avid artifact hunter and said he felt closest to God when he walked the Arkansas River and watched the eagles in flight and in their nesting habitat. He had a natural gift for flint knapping and loved sharing the stone points he made, calling them "artifakes" and sharing them with the kids in his life. His most exciting find was the discovery of a 5,100-year-old bison skull with a calf creek point embedded. In keeping with his desire to keep Oklahoma artifacts in Oklahoma he donated this authentic carbon dated find to the Sam Nobel Oklahoma Museum of natural History where it is displayed and may be viewed online as the Holt Bison Skull.

Kim was extremely proud of his Cheyenne and Arapaho heritage and enjoyed acquiring knowledge of his Native American culture and customs.

Surviving are his wife, LaRita DeAnne (Dee) of the home, his grandmother Nola Rouse, his mother Billye Brown, a sister, Sherry Breeden and his brother Keith.

Two daughters Tracee Kerr (Sean) and Chandee Taff (Bryan, grandchildren, Nichole and Mitchell Taff and Cody and Cassidy Kerr.

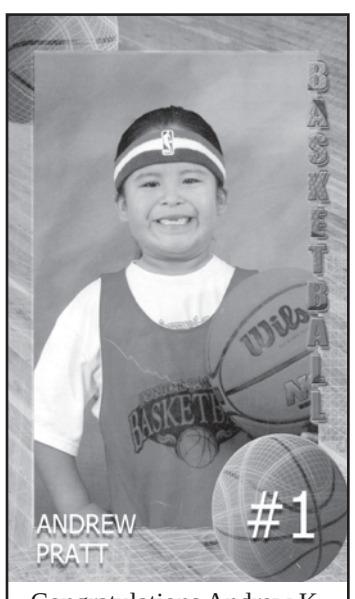
To his grandchildren he was their beloved "Mr. Kim." Also surviving Kim is his half-brother, Alden Whiteman and half-sisters Jackie and Montoya Whiteman.

His wish was to be cremated and his ashes spread on the Arkansas River.

A memorial service was held at True Baptist Church in Sand Springs, Okla. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009.

At the Hamm Military Cemetery
For Jack Whiteshield and Roy Larney
By Lance Henson

In a gentle snowstorm last December I found your graves,
the white landscape undulating in breaking sunlight,
the crunching snow beneath our footsteps,
and sloping shadows of headstones weaving a breathless
pattern of farewell, in beauty I pray for you, in peace I place
this cigarette my relations, in a circling sage wind I speak
your names ...
January 05 - Jack Whiteshield, Cheyenne - Roy Larney, Arapaho. Served and died in Gen. Patton's tank corps



Congratulations Andrew K. Pratt AKA "Dru-Dru"!
February 2009
Terrific Kid of the Month
Madison Elementary
Norman, Okla.
We are so proud of you Son—
Love ya always & forever,
Mom-Tashina, G-pa-Choppa,
G-ma-Marlene, Christopher & Bridget

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College
100 Campus Drive,
Weatherford, OK 73096
Phone: (580) 774-3742
Fax: (580) 774-7085
E-mail: catc@swosu.edu

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES

The 8th and 23rd of each month.

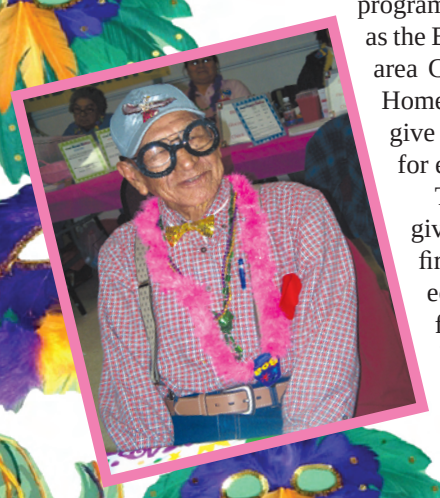
Elders celebrate Mardi Gras

Submitted article

Smiles and laughter created the setting as the elders of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes gathered in Seiling, Okla. for the monthly Elders Day Out activities on Feb. 18, 2009.

Mardi Gras was the theme for the gathering and decorations, beads, and masquerade style costumes were eagerly worn by the participants giving the mood of an authentic feel to the Big Easy.

Several booths were set up to aid the elders, including brief health screenings given by the Cheyenne and Arapaho CHR program and free eyeglass assistance from the Diabetes Wellness program. Several other programs such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Clinton area Contract Health and Encompass Home Health were also present to give out brochures and information for elder's assistance.



There were three presentations given at the Elders Day Out. The first was a Meth Awareness project given by Patricia Yarholar from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Health Department's Health Education. The presentation gave a heads up to the Cheyenne and Arapaho community about the dangers from the drug and how it would affect the tribal elders.

The second presentation was given by RN Penney Stoonemore, Encompass Home Health director of nursing in Kingfisher, Okla.

Stoonemore made elders aware of the services and assistance given by Encompass Home Health and how the elders qualify and apply for the services.

The last presentation was given by LPN Tonya Simmons, St. Mary's Hospital director of wound care in Enid. Okla.

Simmons gave descriptions of the most common wounds affecting elders and how to treat them.

After the morning presentations and a catered lunch, the participants were treated to an arts and crafts session making their own Mardi Gras masks and jester hats using several different materials such as feathers, bells, sequence, and glitter, making the afternoon filled with happy concentration.

Raffles were held throughout the day and door prizes were given to everyone who attended. The CHR program also held their own raffles and gave away prizes for everyone who visited their booth.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program would like to thank everyone who attended the Elders Day Out activities, and would like to welcome all tribal elders to attend the Elders Day Out events held throughout the year.

However, due to the extent of events next month, there will not be an Elders Day Out in March.

The March event for the elders and youth will be the Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference from March 18 to 20, 2009 in Denver, Colo.

For questions or remarks please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T program at respect@c-a-tribes.org or (405) 262-0345 ext. 27570 or toll free (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

business

Continued from page 1

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Watonga's Chamber of Commerce President, Travis Bradt presents Feather Warrior Casino's Assistant General Manager Rory Little Raven with the Business of the Year award.

presented by Bob Shoemaker, Volunteer of the Year award went to Alma Rehlen presented by Anita Woodruff, Citizen of the Year award went to Rhonda Olsen, treasurer for the chamber, presented by Prissy Ice, and Teacher of the Year award went to Karen Gilliland presented by Linda Gossett. Gilliland received a standing ovation as she accepted her award.

Keynote speaker for the awards banquet was Attorney General and candidate for the 2010 governor's race, Drew Edmondson.

"I am truly blessed to be invited to this auspicious occasion … 84th annual chamber celebration … I hope I am still around in 16 years to come to your 100th celebration because I know all of you will still be around blowing and going," Edmondson said. "I don't know if you knew it, but Watonga was named after the Arapaho Chief Watonga, which means black coyote and history records that Chief Watonga never told a lie and Blaine County is named after James G. Blaine who almost became the president of the United States but was beat out by Grover Cleveland, so you see Watonga has the best of both worlds."

Feather Warrior casino is located at 1407 South Clarence Nash Blvd. in Watonga, Okla. and is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

luckystarcasino.org
POT O' GREEN
GIVEAWAY
Lucky Star CASINO
An Enterprise of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
$10,000 GIVEAWAY MAR. 17 AT 8:30 P.M.
EVERY SAT. 8 P.M. - MIDNIGHT FEB. 21 - MAR. 28 FIVE $1K GIVEAWAYS*
CONCHO (405)262-7612
25 minutes from Oklahoma City
Take I-40W to Exit 125, north on
Hwy 81 four miles. • Over 1,000 Games
Blackjack • Poker • Rez Restaurant & Bar
CLINTON (580) 323-6599
I-40 Westbound Exit 69, 1 mile to Indian
Hospital Rd. • I-40 Eastbound: Exit 65, 3.5 miles
to Indian Hospital Rd. • Over 725 Games
Rez Deli • The River Bar • Blackjack • Poker
*There will be five hourly $1,000 giveaways every Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight February 21 thru March 28. $10,000 giveaway on March 17 only. Must be 18 or older. One name per ticket. No labels or stamps will be accepted. Must be present and have matching ticket stub to claim prize. Non-transferable. Management reserves the right to cancel or modify this event without prior notice. See casino for details. Responsible Gaming Is Our Game. For help, call the Problem Gaming Helpline 1-800-522-4700. ©2009 Lucky Star Casino